



Dr. Gray Allison

Baptist students from 30 college campuses in the state will be present for the annual

## Student Meeting Ready

Mississippi Baptist Student Leadership Training Conference to be held at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly at Pass Christian April 14-16.

Rev. Ralph B. Winders, director of the Department of Student Work, sponsoring agency, said that about 350 local Baptist Student Union officers are expected.

Franklin Eubanks, of Ruleville, student at the University of Mississippi, and the president of the State Baptist Student Convention, will preside.

The three out-of-state inspirational speakers will be Dr. Gray Allison, associate in the Department of Evangelism of

the Home Mission Board, Atlanta; Miss Attis Mac Popwell, missionary nurse of the Sellers Baptist Home in New Orleans and Larry Allison, associate in the Student Department, Sunday School Board, Nashville.

State speakers will be Dr. Wm. G. Tanner, pastor of First Baptist Church, Gulfport and Bill Nimmons, associate pastor, First Baptist Church, Starkville.

Music will be under direction of Cleotice Sipes, a student at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La.

Recreation will include fishing, swimming and sailing. Special features will be wor-

ship periods, complete service, singing on the pier, film on Montana missions and a state BSU basketball tournament for both boys and girls.

New officers will be elected and installed at the conference.

Conference leaders will be Miss Anne Ernest, BSU director, Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans; Miss India Jones, high school principal, Wabbaseka, Arkansas; Bryant M. Cummings, Sunday school secretary, Jackson; Don Rogers, BSU Director for LSU at New Orleans; Dan Flowers, student, New Orleans Baptist Seminary, Mrs. (Continued on Page 2)

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## 1969 Crusade Plans Given

The first draft of suggested plans for promoting the Crusade of the Americas in 1969 has been released, according to Dr. L. Gordon Sansing, state Baptist secretary of evangelism.

Dr. Sansing is also a member of the special committee of seven appointed by the Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board for the purpose of outlining suggested plans for Southern Baptist participation in the Crusade.

This committee met in Atlanta Dec. 9-10 and began work on the plans which are being mailed to all pastors and other leaders in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Sansing said that "The Crusade of the Americas in 1969 gives us an occasion for the greatest evangelistic trust ever launched in Southern Baptist life. In order to reap the greatest possible harvest from this Crusade we need to begin earnest praying and planning now."

The plans call for preparation by periods, as follows:

Oct. 1966 - Sept. 1967, the church planning in evangelism; Oct. 1967 - Sept., 1968, the church preparing for evangelism; Oct. 1968 - Sept. 1969, the church participating in evangelism.

From March to May in 1969 preaching will be emphasized with two full weeks of revival on the suggested dates of March 16-30 for south Mississippi and April 6-20 for north Mississippi.

April through September of 1969 is also designed as a follow-up period which will include new member orientation, vacation Bible schools and various phases of witnessing.

The current phase of the planning from October 1966 until September of this year calls for the following action:

Vote to participate; set revival date in cooperation with association and state convention; enlist evangelistic help; pray for the crusade and use "Evangelism Plan Book" to plan for 1967-1968.

Plans for the second phase, Oct. 1967-Sept. 1968, call for nine intensive steps leading up to the actual period of participation.

All these steps are detailed in the pamphlet being distributed. These plans will be put in brochure to a just a little later.

"The suggested step by step plans are designed to help our churches do just that. This comes as an urgent appeal to our pastors, denominational and church leaders to begin effective preparation for this Kingdom endeavor," Dr. Sansing said in conclusion he declared.

"The lives of thousands of lost people could be saved if we do our best. So by prayer and planning let us seek to (Continued on page 2)

## Home Board's 10-Year Projection Approved

ATLANTA (BP)—A decade from now, the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board expects to be operating on a budget of \$19.3 million that supports the work of 3,540 missionaries, a recent board action reveals.

In the final report of the board's committee on long-range objectives and goals, the 10-member committee estimated that by 1970 Baptist support of the board would total \$14.4 million and that 2,560 missionaries would be on the field.

The board's 1967 budget to-

als \$12.1 million (including anticipated receipts from sources such as loans, interest income, and publication sales). About 2,165 missionaries currently are under appointment.

The committee's statement of guidelines, objectives, trends, and goals was made official by action of the board of directors at its annual spring meeting here, culminating two years of work by the committee.

The document, entitled "Direction '77," includes 14 guidelines that were approved last fall.

These cite urban centers as the primary target of the home missions thrust, evangelism as the heart of that thrust, and clearly set out that the board's interest crosses racial and cultural boundaries.

"Our present population of 200 million will become 250 million by 1977," the document stated. "This people will be both urbanized and youthful, with 90 million under 20 years of age."

The report also included the goals of each of the board's 12 programs, for 1970 and 1977.

For example, by 1977 the Christian social ministries department hopes to have assisted 3,750 churches through

counseling in establishing weekday ministries; the evangelism division hopes to commit and train 800,000 church members in personal witnessing.

"The staff will utilize these goals," said Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary-treasurer of the board. "Beginning this year, the staff members will report quarterly on their progress measured against these specific goals in their area."

Lewis E. Rhodes, pastor of the Broadway Baptist Church in Knoxville, Tenn., who headed the committee, pointed out that the goals and guidelines will be changed and adapted constantly.

"Change is coming faster than we think, faster than we can act," he said. "But our future is as bright as our vision and our willingness to act."

The Board appointed seven missionaries at the meeting, including Herman Hiley of Raleigh as Kentucky Baptists' first state director of work with National Baptists.

J. Don Aderhold, pastor of the Columbia Drive Church in Decatur, Ga., was elected president of the Board. He succeeds Edgar M. Arendall, pastor of the Dawson Memorial Baptist Church in Birmingham.

## Missionaries And Pastors to Meet at Camp Garaywa

All Baptist pastors in the state as well as associational superintendents of missions are invited to the annual retreat to be held at Camp Garaywa April 24-28.

Dr. Foy Rogers, secretary of the Cooperative Missions Department, sponsor, said that because of the outstanding program arranged for this year a special effort would be made to encourage more pastors to attend.

Visiting speakers will include Dr. Albert McClellan, program planning secretary of the Executive Committee of the SBC, Nashville; Dr. Wilson Brumley, secretary of the Department of Rural-Urban Missions of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta; Dr. Garland Hendricks, professor of church community development, Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.; and Rev. Juan Torras, Spanish-Baptist pastor from the Canary Islands.

Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary, will preach at each evening service. Workers from the Baptist Building will also attend and participate on the program.

Music will be under direction of Dan C. Hall, music secretary, with Miss Grace Lovelace, secretary in the Cooperative Missions Department, at the piano.

A part of each afternoon will be devoted to recreation and relaxation.



### QUEENS' COURT HELD AT GARAYWA

Nine of the 16 girls who reached the highest rank of queen-regent-in-service stand before a replica of an open Bible at Queens' Court held at Camp Garaywa last week, sponsored by the State WMU and directed by Miss Ruth Little, GA director. The girls are, from left: Sheila Hope, Leland; Margie Ward, Leland; Donna Norman, Meridian; Renee Weaver, Clinton; Polly Benson, Meridian; Judy Stuart, Meridian; Mary Ann Bufkin, Hickory; Edith Roberson, Hickory; Peggy Wellford, Lucedale. Not shown is Celia Thomson, Grenada.



"... I AM THE RESURRECTION, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." (John 11:25)

## State Leaders To Attend Convention Launching

The Pioneer Missions Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will seek to enlist a delegation of Mississippi Baptists to attend the organization meeting of the proposed new four-state Baptist convention set for Rapid City, S.D., Nov. 7-9.

Claude Townsend, Florence, retiring chairman of the committee, who presided at a recent meeting, said that the venture is planned because of Mississippi Baptists' special interest in Montana, which will be one of the states to be included in the new convention.

Mr. Townsend further said that tentative plans include the chartering of a plane to carry the group and that pastors and laymen throughout the state would be enlisted to make the trip.

The proposed name for the new convention is the Western Plains Baptist Convention and the four states to be included are Montana, Wyoming, North and South Dakota. Rapid City has been proposed as the headquarters.

Montana was "adopted" several years ago as the state where Mississippi Baptists would center their "over and above" pioneer missions activities. Montana is presently affiliated with the Colorado Baptist General Convention.

There are now 31 Baptist churches and 13 missions in the state.

Rev. Leroy Smith, superintendent of missions for the state of Montana, spoke to the committee and gave an encouraging review of the work there.

Plans were announced for

a Sunday school enlargement campaign in the fall of 1967 with Bryant Cummings, state Sunday School secretary, to assist in enlisting a group of trained workers from the state to participate.

Plans were also revealed for

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## Series Man-Boy Rallies Planned

A series of five Man and Boy Rallies has been scheduled for the state. It has been announced by Rev. Elmer Howell, secretary of the Brotherhood Department, sponsor.

Mr. Howell said that those from the churches to attend the meeting must be church directors, Baptist men's presidents, those who work with boys and Royal Ambassador chapter counselors as well as those interested in boys.

Each meeting will be featured by an inspirational message, one on missions, an emphasis on camping, music, fellowship and a recognition service.

Each meeting will begin at 5:00 p. m. with registration to start at 4:30. Supper will be served at the host church and the meeting will adjourn at 9:00.

The complete schedule follows, with the inspirational and missions speaker listed in order:

April 7 - Main Street Church, Hattiesburg; Vernon Broome, Columbia attorney; Rev. Edward Trott, Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil.

April 14 - Daniel Memorial, Jackson; Dr. Bob N. Ramsay.

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### FROM BAPTIST CONVENTION

## Kentucky College Released

BAGDAD, Ky. (BP)—Kentucky Southern College in Louisville, Ky., was formally released from Kentucky Baptist Convention ownership because of critical financial problems which recently reached crisis proportions.

It is the first time in the Southern Baptist Convention that a Baptist college has been released from a state convention's control so it can accept federal aid to help solve a financial crisis.

The Arkansas Baptist State Convention has released a hospital to accept federal aid, but no state convention had released a college until now.

Kentucky Southern College President, Rollin S. Burhans told the Kentucky Baptist finance and Christian education committees prior to the board meeting that the school could not survive without federal grants and loans.

Rather than compromise the Baptist principle of separation of church and state, he said, the trustees of the school were requesting separation from the convention.

Release from the convention was only one part of a three-prong proposal made by the finance and Christian education committees to the Executive Board in an attempt to alleviate the school's financial problems.

The Executive Board voted overwhelmingly to grant Kentucky Southern's request for \$500,000 in emergency funds to be used immediately in paying faculty salaries and

meeting other pressing financial needs.

A \$300,000 loan will be floated immediately by the convention to aid the school, and the additional \$200,000 will be borrowed and made available by July 25.

Although the \$500,000 was granted overwhelmingly, the Executive Board members balked at assuming responsibility for the unpaid balance of a \$898,000 loan secured by the college last year.

Adopted instead was an allocation to the school of \$77,010 each year for the next five

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## SERIES STEWARDSHIP MEETINGS PLANNED

A series of associational World Missions Conferences and a series of Pastor-Fellowship meetings have been scheduled by the Stewardship Department for March, April and May, according to Rev. John Alexander, secretary.

Seven World Missions Conferences were scheduled with one already held. Those urged to attend include pastors and all church leadership with everyone welcome.

The program will include a conference on the Cooperative Program, a filmstrip and a closing inspirational message on missions.

The schedule follows, along with the name of the missions speaker:

March 27, 7:30 p. m. — Pearl River Association at Zion Hill Church; Dr. Joe Cobben, pastor of Alta Woods Church, Jackson.

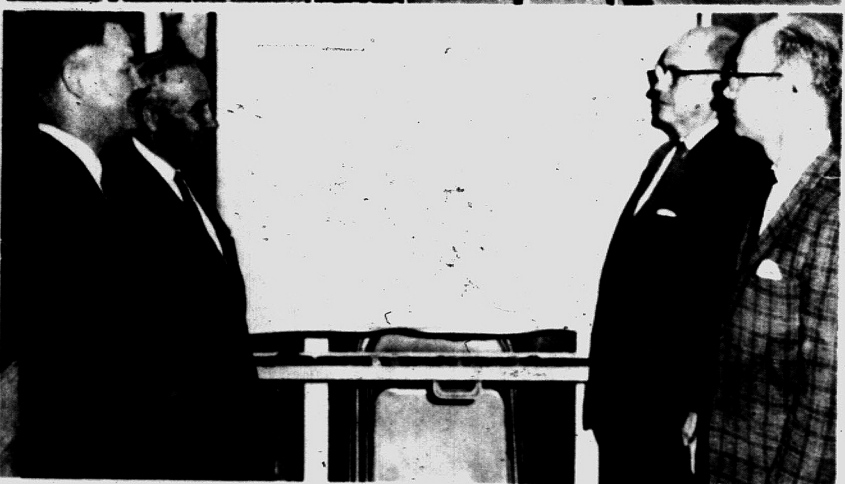
March 28, 4:30 p. m. — Lincoln at New Prospect; Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor of Ridgecrest Church, Jackson.

April 11, 4:30 p. m. — Copiah at Hazlehurst, First; Dr. Kelly.

May 1, 7:00 p. m. — Smith at Raleigh; Dr. Kelly.

May 8, 7:30 p. m. — Simpson at Mendenhall, First; Dr. Kelly. (Continued on Page 2)





### Twin Brotherhood Retreats Conducted

Baptist men from every section of south Mississippi attended the Brotherhood retreat held March 17-18 at Paul B. Johnson State Park. Top photo shows part of crowd at supper Friday night. In lower picture several leaders are seen observing the stand used by retreat music director W. T. Broadus in giving a chalk talk. From left: Dr. John Briggman, Tyler-town, Bible study leader; Roy Kuykendall, Newton, president State Baptist Men's Conference; Rev. Elmer Howell, Brotherhood secretary and Mr. Broadus. A retreat for north Mississippi will be held March 24-25 at Hugh White State Park.

## Kentucky College Released

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years, giving the school an additional \$385,050 over the five-year period.

The annual \$77,010 allocation will be taken from the Kentucky Baptist Convention's budget as part of a \$300,000 loan repayment plan approved by a special session of the convention last year to assist all Kentucky Baptist schools.

The \$77,010 annual allocation decision was a compromise of two earlier motions to come before the Executive Board, meeting at Cedarhurst Baptist Assembly near here.

First considered was the college's request for the \$385,000. This was followed by a substitute motion that the convention float a loan for only \$500,000 additional assistance, to be paid over the next 10 years.

Chester Badgett, pastor in Campbellsville, Ky., offered the \$77,010 allocation for five years as a substitute to the substitute motion. It carried 65-38.

Several alternate proposals to releasing the college from convention control were made. Included was a suggestion to study the feasibility of merging Georgetown College and Kentucky Southern into one school, advocated by Pastors Odell Leigh of Greenville, Ky., and Isaac McDonald of Paducah, Ky.

The action of the board to release Kentucky Southern was considered final. The 148-member board was acting as the "ad interim" governing body for the full convention, and thus, the severance is effective immediately.

Kentucky Southern President Burhans told the Executive Board that the college's immediate needs amounted to more than \$5 million.

"These are our needs," he said. "These are not luxuries. These are the bare essentials if we are to recruit quality students, retain our present faculty, pay current bills and debt service, and receive full accreditation."

### Series Man

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pastor First, Brookhaven; Mr. Trot.

April 21—Oakhurst, Clarksdale: Rev. Clyde Little, pastor Magnolia Street, Laurel; Mr. Trot.

May 5—Union, First: Dr. Beverly Tinnin, pastor, First Meridian; Mr. Trot.

May 12—East Heights, Tupelo: Dr. Bob Hamblin, pastor Harrisburg, Tupelo; Rev. Herbert F. Hughes, Chattanooga, Tenn., director Juvenile Rehabilitation, and Institutional Ministries, Hamilton County Baptist Association.

Paul Harrell, associate in Brotherhood Department, will give the closing emphasis and a direct demonstration recognition service promoting idea of advancement in Royal Ambassador work.

He said the college will be eligible this fall for accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools provided it can meet standards for financial stability and facilities.

Burhans said the money voted by the board "is very excellent; it helps us over this transition period. It will also release the payment of certain pledges that have been made more or less on condition that we receive a certain amount from the convention."

He said he felt the college's financial situation now "is much improved, and we feel that we're definitely on our way to financial stability."

He added it was with "sincere regret and deep disappointment" that the school officials had been forced to request that ties with the convention be severed.

Burhans predicted that the school's severance from official denominational control "is the direction that inevitably every church-related college that does not have tremendous endowment funds will have to ultimately follow."

In an editorial in the Kentucky Baptist Western Recorder following the board action, Editor C. R. Daley echoed Burhans' prediction, calling the board action "a step that might prove to be the way Baptists in other

states will approach the severe problems of higher education today."

Daley said the board's decision was "wise, fair, and mutually advantageous to the school and the convention."

"It is clear now," Daley wrote, "that Kentucky Baptists are not committed enough to Baptist higher education to afford four senior colleges and two other schools. It can only be viewed as wise to lighten our educational load and eventually free finances for schools that remain on for other mission purposes."

"The releasing of Kentucky Southern College will serve to reduce some friction and controversy in the convention over how schools are to be financed and over other school policies," Daley wrote.

"Kentucky Southern and other Baptist schools that survive with strength will ultimately have to take government loans and even government grants, and this will be controversial among Baptists for many years to come," Daley predicted.

With current enrollment of about 800 students, Kentucky Southern College was organized only seven years ago. It became an institution of the Kentucky Baptist Convention in 1960.

### Student Meeting

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Ann Alexander, youth director, First Baptist Church, Jackson; Larry Allison and Dr. Gray Allison.

The conference will begin at 7:00 p.m. Friday and adjourn Sunday morning.

Other officers are: Nita Byrd, MSCW, vice-president; Martha Gray, Blue Mountain, secretary; and the following other executive committee members: Ronnie Burkett; Clarke College; Sandra Crockett, Hinds Junior College; Stanley Howell, Carey College; Ray Wilson, Delta State, faculty advisor; Miss Kathryn Bearden, Gifford School of Nursing, Jackson, student director; Rev. Granville Watson, Moorhead, pastor advisor, and Mr. Winders, ex-officio.

### 1969 Crusade

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create concern all across the Americas."

Other members of the committee on plans are: Jack Stanton, John Havlik and W. D. Laws, associates in Evangelism Division and the following state evangelism secretaries: J. A. Pennington, Okla.; Eugene Grubbs, Cal.; and F. M. Dowell, Tenn.

The Crusade of the Americas is a gigantic evangelistic effort in which most Baptist bodies in the Western Hemisphere will participate simultaneously with each convention using its own plans.

## SERIES STEWARDSHIP MEETINGS PLANNED

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Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer.

June 26, 5:00 p. m. — Scott at Hillsboro; Dr. Quarles.

In the schedule above the meetings that begin in the afternoon are pastors' conferences with the regular meeting to follow in the evening.

In each of the conferences Mr. Alexander will preside, assisted by Rev. N. F. Greer, associate in the department.

In the series of Pastor Fellowship meetings, pastors and church staff members are urged to attend along with the superintendent of missions, who will preside over the meeting.

The purpose of these meetings, according to Mr. Alexander, is to acquaint the pastors and leaders with the three programs provided by the Stewardship Department and to emphasize the Cooperative Program.

Both Mr. Alexander and Mr. Greer will be present at every meeting. The schedule follows:

March 20 — DeSoto Associa-

tion at Horn Lake at noon; March 21 — Bolivar at Calvary at noon; March 27 — Jackson at Creole at 11:00 a. m.; April 3 — Leake at Trinity at 5:00 p. m.; April 4 — Winston at Noxapater at 5:00 p. m.; April 6 — Prentiss-Tishomingo at Iuka at 6:30 p. m.

April 17 — Lauderdale at Fifteenth Avenue at 11:00 a. m.; April 18 — Newton at First, Newton at 5:00 p. m.; April 20 — Lee at Harrisburg at 6:30 p. m.; April 21 — Itawamba at Fulton, First at noon; April 24 — Attala at First Kosciusko at noon.

### Storer Reveals

### Plans to retire

NASHVILLE (BP)—J. W. Storer, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foundation here for the past 11 years, announced his plans to retire as soon as a successor has been chosen.

Storer, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, made the announcement during the annual meeting of the Foundation's board of directors here.

Accepting his resignation with deep regrets, the Foundation voted to name Storer executive secretary-treasurer emeritus upon selection of his successor.

"All of our hearts sank when the news was announced concerning Dr. Storer's retirement," said Peyton Brown of Raleigh, N. C., who made the motion that he be named executive secretary-treasurer emeritus.

"Dr. Storer has meant a great deal to our convention and to the Baptist Foundation," commented Brown.

Storer, 82, was president of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1953-55, and was president of the convention's Executive Committee, 1952-53.

The Foundation meeting elected a new president and authorized appointment of an advisory committee in order to utilize the experience and talent of members who are rotating off the board.

New chairman elected by the Foundation board is L. B. Stevens, owner of an investments company based in Nashville.

Brown proposed the appointment of an advisory committee to utilize the talents and experience of such men as Oman. The committee would have no authority or voting rights, but would advise the Foundation's executive committee in the area of investments and operations.

"In this way," explained Brown, "we will not lose the valuable experience of these men over a period of years."

The annual report also disclosed that funds held in trust earned more than \$380,000 for Baptist causes during the 1966 fiscal year.



HONORABLE PAUL B. JOHNSON (left), Governor of the State of Mississippi, is shown making Dr. Rubens Lopes (right), Sao Paulo, Brazil, an honorary colonel on his staff during a recent visit to Jackson, Mississippi. Left center is Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, Mississippi, chairman of the Crusade of the Americas' Committee on Laymen Involvement, and Ralph Hester, Sr. (right center), deacon of the First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi, and an insurance executive.



MRS. B. B. BRIDGEN, assistant to the business manager of the State Convention Board, holds check for \$452.31 just received from Rev. Johnny L. Taylor, pastor of First Church, Canton, (left) which represents the largest amount the church ever gave to missions in any month in its history. The Cooperative Program received \$1342.31, the largest amount the church ever gave through this channel in any one month. The remainder, \$3200.00, was designated for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions. Mr. Taylor added that the church reached its goal for this special offering. A. L. Nelson, business manager, gives his approval with a smile.

### JACKSON JUNIOR SYMPHONY TO PERFORM AT FESTIVAL

The 40-piece Jackson Junior Symphony orchestra under direction of Mrs. Lewis D. Dalvit will render a 30-minute concert at the State Junior Choral Festival Saturday, April 1 at the Mississippi Coliseum.

Dan C. Hall, secretary of the Church Music Department, sponsor, said that the concert would be held at 2:00 p. m. just prior to the mass sacred choir concert at 2:30.

Twenty-five hundred juniors from every section of the state are expected.

### Student Retreat For Negroes Set Mar. 31-Apr. 1-2

The annual State Baptist Student Retreat sponsored by the Department of Work with Negroes will be held March 31 - April 1 - 2, according to Dr. Wm. P. Davis, secretary.

The retreat, to be directed by Dr. T. B. Brown, Jackson, state B.S.U. director, will be held at Sophia Sutton Mission Assembly near Prentiss, of which Dr. S. L. Richmond is director.

Dr. Davis said that a feature this year will be a con-

cert by the nationally-known Bison Glee Club of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, under direction of Dr. Warren Angell.

The concert will be held Friday night from 8:00-10:00. The retreat will begin Friday evening and continue through Sunday noon.

Out-of-state program personality will be S. E. Grinstead, National B.S.U. director of Nashville, Tenn.

The theme will be "The Missions of the Church in A World of Change."

### Quarles Speaker At Southern Hills' First Anniversary

Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer, will be the principal speaker Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at Southern Hills Church in Jackson upon the occasion of the first anniversary of the constitution of the church.

Rev. David T. Cranford, pastor, said the church was organized March 27, 1966 with 42 members and today there are 123 in membership.

Mr. Cranford will preach at the evening service at 7:00 p. m.

### Sunday School Seminar At BSSB

NASHVILLE — A Sunday School Specialized Leadership Training Seminar is scheduled to be April 10-14 at the Sunday School Board here.

Purpose of the seminar is to help pastors, ministers of education, superintendents, superintendents of training, and others responsible for training Sunday School workers in planning, conducting, and evaluating a comprehensive program of specialized training for Sunday School officers and teachers.

Chester Vaughn, consultant of the Board's Sunday School department's general administration unit, is director for the seminar.

To register for the Sunday School Specialized Leadership Training Seminar send \$20 registration fee to the following address: Church Program Training Center, Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Avenue, N., Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

## State Leaders Plan To Attend Launching

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a simultaneous evangelistic campaign for 1968 with Dr. Gordon Sansing, state secretary of evangelism, to cooperate in this project.

Mr. Smith said that 14 Mississippi college students would be needed for mission work there this summer and he visited several campuses for this purpose while on his visit to the state.

In further discussion of

the work in Montana Mr. Smith told of plans to secure a house trailer to be used in his work there because of the vast space to be covered.

He said that he had a goal of organizing three new churches and eight new missions this year.

Five of the churches are now without a pastor. These are: Deer Lodge, First Southern in

Great Falls, Glasgow, Wolf Point and Lewiston.

The committee also discussed plans for the Crusade to Ohio July 18-23, 1967 and the Hemisphere Laymen's Evangelistic Congress to be held in Brazil July 15-21, 1968 for the purpose of involving laymen in the 1969 Crusade of the Americas.

Officers for the coming year were elected with Cooper Walton, Jackson, named as chair-

man. Murray Alexander of Greenville was elected as vice - chairman with Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, reelected as secretary.

Members of the committee who are not shown in accompanying photo are: Mr. Walton, Rev. L. R. Smith, Jr., Waynesboro; George Thornton, Kosciusko; Rev. Joel Haire, Water Valley and Ralph Herrin, Collins.



THOSE ATTENDING meeting of Pioneer Missions Committee are, from left, seated: Ralph Hester, Jackson; Rev. Leroy Smith, Bozeman, Mont.; Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, secretary; Murray Alexander, Greenville; Claude Townsend,

Florence, chairman. Standing: Dr. Allen O. Webb, Jackson; Rev. G. A. McCoy, Jackson; Rev. W. Otis Seal, Meridian; Eugene Polk, Magee; Joe Odenwald, Greenwood; Rev. Johnny L. Taylor, Canton.



## Foreign Mission Board Reports To The People

Lottie Moon  
Nears \$10,000,000

Reporting during the March 9 meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, announced that (as of March 6) the Board had received \$9,676,646.71 from the 1966 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. "It is still much too early to estimate what the total will be, for books on the Offering remain open until May 1," he said. "When the Board meets in April we shall deal with the appropriation of \$5,000,000 of this money."

After a brief discussion of the Board's financial undergirding through the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program, Dr. Cauthen took note of several major Baptist evangelistic efforts to take place overseas in the coming weeks. There will be campaigns in Jordan (April 2-9), Japan (April 16 through May 14), and Indonesia (May 21 through July 16).

"Much careful preparation has gone into these undertakings," Dr. Cauthen said. "Rev. Joseph B. Underwood (consultant in evangelism and church development), the Board's secretary for the areas involved, and missionaries on the fields, along with national Baptist leaders, have devoted much time and effort to this strategic part of the Christian witness."

The Board appropriated \$22,150.15 for its work around the world. The many allocations, big and little, included \$5,000 for relief in Malaysia, recently struck by severe floods.

**14 New Missionaries**  
The Board appointed 13 career missionaries and employed one missionary associate, bringing its overseas staff to 2,210.

The career missionaries, their native states, and fields of service are: Robert S. Burney, of Florida, and Edith Blackley Burney, of Georgia, for Nigeria; I. Dean Denmark and Mary Ann McGrady Denmark, both of Georgia, for Nigeria; Jane Ellen Gaines, of Alabama, for Nigeria; David L. Martin, of Missouri, and Sara Hines Martin, of Virginia, for Trinidad.

Also, Morris G. Pruitt, of New Mexico, and Carol Anne Hester Pruitt, of Texas, for Togo; Marvin R. Reynolds and Elizabeth Haley Reynolds, both of Arkansas, for Central Africa; and Harold D. Wicks and Rebecca Brannum Wicks, both of Alabama, for Nigeria.

**Orient Mission Highlights**  
"In spite of uncertain circumstances, and in some cases especially because of such circumstances, response to the gospel in the Orient is most thrilling and challenging," reported Dr. Winston Crawley, Orient secretary, who is currently making his headquarters in Hong Kong. Two crisis-ridden lands, Vietnam and Indonesia, are among the most responsive of Southern Baptists' 15 Orient mission fields, he said. He also cited Korea as a particularly responsive field.

Surveying mission highlights of 1966, Dr. Crawley said a most outstanding development in outreach to new areas was the placing of missionaries at Bangalore, in South India. Bangalore, where a Baptist hospital will be built, is Southern Baptists' first permanent station of missionary residence and work in India. (One missionary couple previously served at the Christian Medical College and Hospital in Vellore.) A missionary couple is now giving full time to work with Okinawans. Missionaries have been assigned to Okinawa for seven years, but previously they served churches made up primarily of U. S. military personnel.

In Indonesia, the Baptist witness has been extended to the island of Madura (by missionaries stationed in nearby Surabaya, Java), and in the Philippines, Urdaneta (on the island of Luzon) and Iligan (on Mindanao) have become Southern Baptist mission stations.

**Goerner Reports from Nigeria**  
Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, reported on conditions in Nigeria, scene of civil unrest and widespread violence in 1966. "The general feeling now is that everything depends upon the leaders of the eastern part of the country," said Dr. Goerner, who mailed his report from Nigeria after spending 10 days there. "Either they will declare their independence and thus precipitate another national crisis, or they will continue to negotiate and find ways of compromise and cooperation within the framework of some sort of loose federation. No one knows which way the tide will turn."

The Board heard brief reports from its five missionary representatives for Latin America, who were at Board headquarters in Richmond, Va., for their annual briefing with Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America.

### Staff Travels

Three of the four area secretaries are currently overseas. Dr. Crawley, in Hong Kong, expects to return to the States in July. Dr. Goerner was in Malawi as of the Board meeting, with plans to go to Tanzania, Kenya, and Ethiopia before returning to the States on March 19. Dr. John D. Hughey, secretary for Europe and the Middle East, was in Switzerland, scheduled to visit Austria and Yugoslavia before his return on March 22.

Mr. Underwood left March 8 for a six-week trip that will take him to several nations in Europe and the Middle East and to Malawi and Hong Kong to help plan evangelism endeavors.



Dr. Ray Frank Robbins

### Bolton Church Plans Bible Conference

Dr. Ray Frank Robbins, professor of New Testament and Greek at the New Orleans Theological Seminary, will lead a Bible Conference at the Bolton Baptist Church, Bolton, Mississippi, March 31-April 2. The meetings for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings will be at 7:00 p.m., and at 11:00 a.m. Sunday morning. The study will be on Matthew 5-7 (The Sermon on the Mount). The pastor, Wayne O. Burkes, invites everyone to attend.

### Mc Prof. And Wife Named Chairman Danforth Program

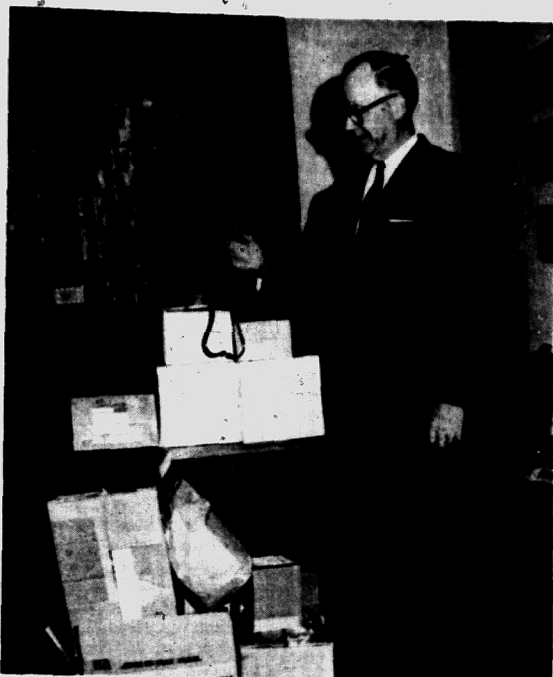
A Mississippi College language professor and his wife have been elected regional chairmen - elect of the Danforth Associates Program for a three-state area. Dr. and Mrs. Charles Martin were elected to the posts during the recent meeting of the Kentucky-Tennessee-Mississippi Regional Conference in Memphis. This is the first time the conference has elected chairmen from a Mississippi institution.

The Martins' will be responsible for planning and presiding over the 1969 conference, after working with next year's chairmen.

The Danforth Associates Program was organized to help promote personal contact between the students and faculty members on the college campuses. Faculty members and their wives of participating colleges and universities are elected to the program as associates, usually for a two-year term, after which they become senior associates.

Serving as senior associates with Dr. and Mrs. Martin will be Dr. and Mrs. Archie Germany. Dr. Germany is chairman of the Division of Science and Mathematics. Dr. John Legg, associate professor of chemistry, and Mrs. Legg are present associate members at the college.

Americans are people who need more brains to make out their income tax returns than they did to make the income.



OWEN COOPER of Yazoo City, examines medical supplies sent by doctors of the state, to be carried to Honduras, for use in a Southern Baptist clinic there. Mr. Cooper, Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Dr. R. C. McGlamery of Ripley, and Dr. Norris Vest of Greenville, flew to Honduras last week for a conference with a group of business men there, relative to a proposed hospital which the business men plan to build, and for which they are seeking assistance in management, visiting doctors, etc. While in Honduras the Mississippians also visited the Baptist mission which is under direction of Missionary Harold Hurst. The medical supplies will be used in the clinic conducted by this mission.

## REVIVAL DATES

**Union Church, Seminary:** March 22-26; services nightly at 7:00; Rev. Chester Moulder, interim pastor, evangelist; Robert Sanders, in charge of the music.

**Hillcrest, Jackson:** March 19-26; Maurice Clayton, pastor, and evangelist; Jack Lyall, minister of music at Hillcrest, music director; Sunday services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; services Monday through Thursday at 7:30 p. m.; youth retreat Friday and Saturday.

**Friendship, Columbus:** Mar. 26-31; Ed Corn, evangelist, of Tuxedo, N. C.; C. H. Stone of Gulfport, song leader; Sunday services at the usual hours; weekday services at 7:30 p. m. On Thursday and Friday - 30th and 31st - there will be a Bible Conference, beginning at 9:30 a. m. on both days and will close with the night revival services; Rev. Elvis Gregory, pastor.

**Jericho Church, Guntown:** March 26-31; services each evening at 7:30; Rev. H. G. West, pastor of First Church of Covington, Tenn., evangelist; Edd McGill, song leader; Rev. Adron Horne, pastor.

**Vardaman Church, Vardaman:** March 26-31; Rev. Finley Evans, pastor of Pilgrim's Rest Church, Crystal Springs, evangelist; services on Sunday 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; services during the week 10:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Rev. C. E. James, pastor.

**Escatawpa Church:** March 26-April 2; Rev. C. Z. Holland, Clinton, evangelist; Don Cawthon, Escatawpa, singer; services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:15 p. m.; Rev. Ralph Young, pastor.

**Leesburg:** March 31-April 2; youth revival; Rev. Paul Lee, Tupelo, student at Clarke College, preacher; Charles Gibson, Meridian, student at Clarke College, singer; Rev. R. W. Porter, pastor.

**Olive Church, Lumberton:** March 22-26; Rev. C. E. Rivers, pastor at the church since January 12, will be the evangelist.

**Braxton:** March 24-26; Rev. Allen Stephens, pastor, evangelist; Cecil Clegg, student at New Orleans Seminary, singer; Friday and Saturday services at 7:30 p. m.; Sunday services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

**Plymouth, Columbus:** April 2-7; Dr. S. R. Woodson, First Church, Columbus, evangelist; Grover Fairchild, choir director; Rev. H. O. Haywood, pastor.

**Ridgeland (Madison County):** Youth-led Revival, March 24-26th. Buddy Wagner, Mississippi College, will preach and Johnny Wiess, Mississippi College, will direct music. Services at 7:30 P.M. Rev. Lynton Younger, pastor.

**Colonial Heights, Jackson:** March 26-31; services at 7:30 p. m.; Rev. Bill Causey, pastor of Parkway Church, Jackson, evangelist; Rev. S. B. Mason, Jr., pastor.

**Morrison Heights Church, Clinton:** April 2-7; Rev. J. Garland McKee, pastor of Istrouma Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, La., evangelist; James Hayes, West End Baptist Church, Atlanta, singer; Rev. Charles Gentry, pastor.

**First Church, West Point:** March 26th-April 2nd; Rev. Dan B. Cameron, (pictured) pastor, First Church, Pampa, Texas, evangelist; Tommy Davis, Music Director, Rose Hill Church, Texarkana, Texas, song leader; services daily at 7:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Rev. Jimmy H. Hipp, pastor.

**Bethlehem, Pinola (Simpson County):** March 26-31; Pastor Marcus Finch, evangelist; Robert Hindon, Lexie, song leader; Miss Glennie Gillis, pianist; Children's service 7:00 p. m.; regular services, 7:30 p. m. Easter Sunrise service, Sunday, 6:30 a. m.

**McCool, Youth Week:** climaxed with Youth Revival March 24-26; Rev. Douglas Chatham, New Orleans Seminary evangelist; Ralph Thompson, Holmes Junior College, singer; Johnny Doude, Mississippi State, musician; Gary Bailey, youth pastor; Clyde Wroten, pastor.

## REVIVAL RESULTS

**Temple Church, Hattiesburg:** February 19-26; Rev. J. Harold Stephens, pastor; Dr. Jack Stanton, associate in the Division of Evangelism, promoting personal witnessing, under the Home Mission Board, SBC, evangelist; Stalenecker - Tyson evangelism team of musicians, in charge of music; 23 additions for baptism; eight additions by letter; a number of other professions of faith among those who have not yet been received into the church; 135 rededications; two commitments to full-time Christian service, Pastor Stephens says, "Southern Baptists are very fortunate in having a man to lead our work of personal evangelism who consistently practices what he preaches, which is so characteristic of Jackso Stanton." (The church has invited the team to return for a revival in 1969.)

**Phillipston Church:** Youth Revival; March 10-12; Rev. Howard Hickson, revival preacher; the young people and intermediates had a special prayer meeting for the revival on the night prior to the beginning of the meeting; four young people made decisions for Christ; one member received by letter; many rededications.

## Current Issues In Baptist Life



By Wayne E. Ward  
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### Facing Divisive Issues

It has always been somewhat difficult for Baptists to work together. Historically, they have been quite independent in their thinking. They have been able to reach complete agreement on many doctrines and on many practices in their churches. In order to cooperate at all on the important matters of missions and education, Baptists have often had to overlook some differences of belief.

This has caused some Baptists to try to hide or suppress their differences. They have been known to administer a sharp rebuke to a young person who raises a question or to a pastor who may be talking about a "controversial issue" in the pulpit. "Don't rock the boat" may become a slogan.

The trouble with hiding real differences among Christian brethren is that it leads to a form of hypocrisy. The New Testament teaches that Christians must "speak the truth in love," and this does not permit the hiding of one's honest convictions. The deepest level of fellowship is possible only when people are truly honest with each other.

In some Christian denominations any difference of belief is simply settled by appeal to the highest church council or to the supreme ruler of the church, such as the pope in Roman Catholicism. For Baptists there is no such appeal. Each Baptist is directly responsible to Christ for his beliefs and actions; and each Baptist is responsible to the wider fellowship of Christian believers because he is an equal member of Christ's

body. It is a violation of the basic nature of the Christian faith for anyone - priest, or council, or pope - to presume to tell another person what he may believe. True belief cannot be imposed upon anyone by authority!

If this is a valid understanding of the Christian faith and the fellowship of the church, it means that every Christian must face the issues which divide us and try to make a responsible decision in regard to them. The responsibility for decision cannot be delegated to the pastor, the executive committee, or the convention. Every man must be able to give a reason for the position that he takes!

This series of brief articles is designed to clarify and discuss some of the hotly debated issues in Baptist life today. Biblical and theological information will be brought to bear upon each issue. Sometimes the positions taken by our Baptist forefathers will be recalled. Always the writer will try to make clear his own belief and his reasons for it. There is no one who can give us an existence. We have no pope to decree a Baptist position. Each of us is required to bear his witness to the truth of Jesus Christ as best he can.

For whatever it is worth to others - this series will simply reveal one man's struggle to understand and act upon the basic issues. It comes out of many years of teaching the Bible and Christian doctrine; but it should have no more influence than the measure of truth which it contains. Only the truth can make us free!

### VICTORY:

## We Call It Easter

By Dr. Gordon Clinard  
Pastor, First Church  
San Angelo, Texas

Out of the east comes new light after the night. We call it dawn. Out of the darkness of death and despair comes the light of the resurrection of Christ. We call it Easter.

But do you really believe in Easter? If you do, you believe in the victory of good over evil. The problem has always been the same: evil on the throne and good on the scaffold. When we see the evil and suffering about us, when we are tortured with pain and

sorrow, when good men die and evil men live on, we are ready to say: either God wants to do something about all this and cannot, or He can and will not, and in either case, He is a disappointment! When Christ died on the cross, this problem came to its climax. This was perfect goodness destroyed by evil. The imps of hell must have shouted that day, "we win!" But evil did not win! The resurrection vindicates the triumph of goodness. Perfect goodness wins over diabolical evil, though the victory be delayed.

If you believe in Easter you believe in the victory of love over hate. All of the blackness of human hatred converged on Calvary. Here the hatred that breeds war and crime, murder and jealousy, prejudice and terror seemed to win. But on the morning of the resurrection it was love that won. The world still finds love impractical. Who can win the battles of our time by "turning the other cheek," "going the second mile," "loving your neighbor as yourself"? But Easter proves that love is the only thing that can win. In the end, it is love and not hate that triumphs.

If you believe in Easter you believe in the victory of life over death. Nothing appears more final than death. Death is the enemy from which we all run in desperation and shrink in despair. When Jesus died, death seemed to have won its choicest victim. But the resurrection assures us that life is victor over death. Our hope is not in some vague immortality of the soul or in the survival of influence beyond the grave. The resurrection of Jesus is our hope, for now we know that God will complete His purposes for His own and in history, and death cannot defeat His plans. Eternal life in Christ means that life is not interrupted by death.

So, if you believe in Easter, live like it! Have courage, believing that good is stronger than evil. Live by love, believing that love is stronger than hate. Live life to its fullest and best, believing that life is stronger than death. Only those who commit themselves to the living Christ are ready to live. (Walter Chubb, Vagabond)

### Franklin Plans Sunrise Service

The annual sunrise Easter service of Franklin Church in Madison Association will be conducted Sunday morning at 6:00 o'clock.

The speaker will be Rev. James Walker, pastor of the Flora Baptist Church. Rev. W. M. Buffington is pastor.



JAMES COILE, architectural supervisor at Sunday School Board, (center) has conference with building committee from Easthaven Church in Brookhaven, Hiliary Dixon, (left) and the pastor, Rev. Ed Thiele. This conference, along with a similar one in Tupelo March 16, was sponsored by the Sunday School Department.



Several leaders at Church Building Conference held March 14 at Crystal Springs examine a church stained glass window display by Saunders of Brighton, Tenn. From left: Ellis B. Evans, consultant in Church Architecture Department, Baptist Sunday School Department, who directed conference; L. A. Saunders, Brighton, Tenn.; Rev. James Harrell, Monticello, and Alton B. Clingan, Jr., architect of firm of Alton B. Clingan Jr. and Associates of Jackson.



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### If Christ Be Not Risen

Baptists do not give as much emphasis to Easter as do many of the denominations, but they give as much, or even more emphasis to the message of Easter, the resurrection of Jesus Christ. To Baptists, as to other evangelical Christians, this is the central truth of the Christian witness.

The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ is the very foundation of Christianity itself. Without this there is no Christian message. Those who deny the bodily resurrection of Christ may wear the Christian name, but they make a false claim. There is no true Christianity if Jesus Christ did not rise from the grave.

If Christ be not risen Christianity is merely a religion like unto the other religions of the world. Without a risen Christ it is a philosophy, nothing more. Christianity has no message of eternal life, no salvation, no power, and no hope, if Christ is not risen.

With Paul we can say,

"...if there is no such thing as the resurrection of the dead, then Christ was never raised. And if Christ was not raised then neither our preaching nor your faith has any meaning at all. Further it would mean that we are lying in our witness for God, for we have given our solemn testimony that he did raise up Christ—and that is utterly false if it should be true that the dead do not, in fact, rise again! For if the dead do not rise, neither did Christ rise, and if Christ did not rise your faith is futile and your sins have never been forgiven. Moreover, those who have died believing in Christ are utterly dead and gone. Truly, if our hope in Christ were limited to this life only we should, of all mankind, be the most pitied." (I Cor. 15:12-19, Phillips translation).



### Immortality

By W. Morris Ford, Pastor  
First Baptist Church  
Longview, Texas

It has been said that an estimated 98 percent of the people in the world believe in immortality, life after death. If this is true it is also true that an equal number of people are plagued with doubts and fears concerning the after life.

The Old Testament does not afford many proof texts. Job asked the pointed question, "If a man die shall he live again?" Is it not fortunate that the Bible's progressive revelation includes the New Testament as well as the Old? Jesus had a positive, affirmative answer to Job's question! The other New Testament testimonies from John, Paul and others are built upon Jesus' affirmation, "Everlasting life!" How wonderful are those words.

No illustration or parable can be used for conclusive proof, but can shed a great deal of light upon our darkness. I have in mind the story Cecil B. DeMille told of a personal experience years ago. Having been commissioned to write a play he was drifting on a lake in a small boat in order to think and take notes without being interrupted. Making no effort to direct the little vessel he drifted toward shore, the prow of the boat plowing gently into the soft mud. The writer made no effort to move from the place, but continued his work. Later he glanced up to see a clumsy water beetle perched on the gunwale. It had come out of the muck and had set its sharp claws (fingers, toes, or whatever a beetle has) and then and there died.

With his eyes upon the beetle dying in the warm sun he saw a split start and run the full length of the back. Then out of the crevice was poked a wet head followed by an equally wet body. For a few moments it dried itself in the sun. The texture changed. Color emerged. Wings began to move. And in a moment a beautiful dragon fly circled above him.

He lifted a paddle and pushed the empty shell into the water. Then he watched the water beetles in the water below. They were completely unaware of the transformation that had just taken place, a transformation yet in store for them. They crawled awkwardly to see the dead body. Curiosity satisfied, they moved away.

I shall never forget Cecil B. DeMille's closing words: "If God does that for a water beetle, don't you believe he will do it for me?" It makes me want to shout the glorious words of the New Testament: "I am the resurrection and the life... he that believeth

With Dr. R. G. Lee we can say, "No risen Christ, a tomb as worthless as any tomb—a cross no more than a martyrs cross.

No risen Christ, death a king of terror with no rival, a black shadow which no sun ever penetrates.

No risen Christ, no trumpet to sound through death's dreary dominions to wake the dead from eternal sleep.

No risen Christ, death, inexorable jailer, imprisons us in the iron slumber of eternal night.

No risen Christ, the whole history of Christianity and its existence is unintelligible.

No risen Christ, the whole earth in deepest mourning dressed, will, like Rachel of old, go down to the judgment weeping for her children, finding no comfort.

### BUT CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD!

No fact of all history is more positively authenticated.

The tomb was empty, the graveclothes left undisturbed by the body which miraculously passed through them, and left them to fall flat.

The stone was rolled away, and there is no explanation.

The risen Christ was seen by one, by another, by several groups, by more than 500 at one time, in various places. They talked with him, walked with him, ate with him, and watched him. Such testimony is indisputable.

Skeptics have desperately tried to refute these facts, but never have they been able to find an explanation that is reasonable. The truth is, that the body of Jesus Christ did rise from the grave, did appear again and again, and no arguments or unbelief can change that.

Christianity is the one religion in all of the world with a living Christ. It, therefore, is the one religion with a gospel of hope and life, with a message of power and redemption.

The world joins today... the Christian world at least... in winging the glad message to all of the earth. Jesus Christ is alive! He is God! He is the Saviour! Hallelujah!

## Planning Church Financing

Planning the financial program of a church should not be haphazardly done. Churches which do this will not even begin to reach the stewardship potential of their members, and will not develop the type of giving program which God expects of them.

God's plan of church finance through the tithes and offerings of His people, will more than meet the needs of every church for its local work and for worthy mission and benevolence support. Moreover, it will supply every need for missions, education, and other programs which God leads the associations and conventions to project.

The acceptance of God's plan for church support by the churches and members, however, does not just happen. Preparation and enlistment must carefully be done. There must be planning, preaching, teaching, prayer and work.

Southern Baptists, through their Stewardship Commission, have developed as effective programs and materials for use in stewardship development and enlistment, as can be found anywhere on earth today. They are Christ centered, scripture based, and have been tested in thousands of churches. They are adaptable for all churches from the smallest to the largest, and for budgets of any size.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board is making these programs available to Mississippi Baptist churches through the Stewardship Department, of which John Alexander is Secretary. He, and his associate, N. F. Greer, are available for work with individual churches and with the associations, as well as in the state-wide and area-wide conferences, clinics, and other meetings which are held.

A series of associational pastor fellowship meetings and world-mission conferences is in progress now, and announcement of them is found elsewhere in this issue of the Record. Pastors and church leaders should avail themselves of the opportunity afforded by these meetings, but also should feel free to call upon the department for individual assistance, according to Mr. Alexander.

It is not too early to begin planning for 1968 stewardship programs, if advance is to be expected.



Deploping the arms race, President Johnson has said that money spent on armaments "might be better spent on feeding the hungry, healing the sick, teaching the uneducated." Nevertheless, the United States sold 1.93 billion dollars worth of arms abroad in 1966 (in fiscal year 1961 we sold only 600 million dollars in arms abroad).

A recent price increase on gasoline has been called unnecessary and inflationary by the federal government. Oil companies, which get a depletion tax exemption equaling 27.5 percent, earn an annual rate of return on net worth of 10.9 percent compared to only 9.4 percent for all industry, according to a report in *The New Republic*, (Feb. 25, 1967).



The United States has produced more Nobel Prize winners than any other nation and twelve times as many as Russia.

To take care of all the additional students expected on the campus by 1975, the colleges will have to construct new facilities equal to twice all of the campus buildings erected since Harvard opened its doors in 1636, Economist Peter F. Drucker calculates.

Education now generates at least one-fifth of the United States growth rate. The "knowledge industry" accounts for nearly one-third of the entire economy.

The Chase Manhattan Bank reports that investment in education has increased the output of the economy and the income of those educated, equal to a return on investment of about 10%.

More than one-fourth of the nation is engaged in education (counting students and teachers).

Of the top 50 institutions in 1966 with the highest percentage of students winning fellowships (Woodrow Wilson, N.D.E.A., or National Science Foundation), 29 were colleges of the liberal arts.

### Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

March 27—W. P. Blair, Smith County superintendent of missions; James Henry Moore, Alcorn County superintendent of missions.

March 28—Albert Craven, faculty, Mississippi College; Ann Burnside, Baptist Book Store.

March 29—Mrs. Mattie Smith, staff, Children's Village; Mrs. Thelma Robinson, staff, Children's Village.

March 30—Louie Farmer, Jr., Baptist student director, University of Southern Mississippi; Mrs. Jewel Coniff, Baptist student director, William Carey College.

March 31—Bill Watson, Baptist Building; W. R. Roberts, Baptist Building.

April 1—Mrs. Milton Thornton, faculty, Clarke College; James L. Flatt, faculty, Blue Mountain College.

April 2—Mrs. Georgiann Holliman, faculty, William Carey College; Mrs. Doris Bryant, medical - surgical instructor, Gilfoy School of Nursing.

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## The Baptist Forum

### Christ's Church Vs Man's Church

While the church membership is undergoing a period of self-examination and appraisal it might be well for us to ask ourselves the question: "Just what is the institutional or physical church?" It is not simply a tool by which man endeavors to carry out God's purpose on earth? With all our failures and shortcomings it would seem that we could do no less than properly relate these failures with the physical church—to man and man's limitations.

Almost two thousand years ago the Pharisees with their claims of speaking for God, and their undue emphasis upon the traditions of men, had not learned well the Old Testament instructions that those who come nigh unto God must always make distinction between what is Holy and what is of men. Lev. 10:1-10.

Today, we apparently make no difference between Christ's Spiritual Church and man's physical church. We build our great church buildings (which have no specific New Testament basis), adopt great programs for recreation and entertainment, and prepare budgets to cover just about everything short of gambling, yet we seem to have no hesitation whatsoever in admonishing the church membership to bring their tithes and offerings unto God's Storehouse.

With all due respect and love for God's Laws and the principles which they teach, a sense of honesty and integrity should compel admission that there is really no New Testament basis for saying that the legal title is God's plan for financing the physical church (man's effort). Yet because of the great emphasis that has been given to the title many church members today feel that when they give to the physical church they automatically give to God; and there seems to be little evidence that church leaders are desirous of correcting this attitude. As a result of this concept however, it seems we have developed a legalistic, measured, calculated attitude of giving and commitment that has greatly harmed the soul of the church and given to the membership a "Corban" personality.

In a sense we have shown our willingness to compromise on motivation—to give up compassion in exchange for respectability. And in doing this we have come to neglect the great New Testament principle of stewardship—the overflowing of the redeemed heart.

Instead of the physical church being a tool for man to use, it is no just possible that we have sought to make God and His Laws tools to further our own concepts and traditions?

It is highly significant to the writer that the strongest rebuke Christ had for any group while on earth was given to those who could not see, or, who refused to see, the difference between things Holy and things common.

Very truly yours,  
A. Grady Strickland  
Corinth, Miss.

### REPLY

(I would suggest that you have presented only half truths. While there is a difference between the "spiritual" and the "physical" church, the difference is not as sharp as you would make it appear to be. Modern church buildings and church programs, as Southern Baptists use them are not something that man has conceived without Biblical basis, but rather has developed under the leadership of God. If you do not believe that God is interested in buildings for His work, go back and read the 7th chapter of II Chronicles, the 12th through the 16th verses.

As to tithing, it is not "legal" tithing but Christian tithing on a basis of stewardship and love which is God's plan for the support of His church. There are many New Testament proofs of this. Jesus said in Matt. 23:23 that men "ought" to tithe, but also should do more than that. When this passage is studied in the light of Malachi 3:3 it is seen that the Lord, when He came, was to show the Jewish people how to "offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness." He did it in Matt. 23. While this was discussion with the Jews, Jesus nowhere said that the principle would be different for Christians. How can anyone believe that the Christian should give less than the Jew was taught to give, or less than Jesus said men "ought" to give?

Other passages which teach tithing include I Cor. 9:13-14, which says that the preaching of the gospel is to be supported "in the same way" (meaning of "even so"—RSV, and other versions) that the temple ministry was supported. This most certainly was by tithes and offerings.

In I Cor. 16:2 we are taught that the Lord's people, should lay by in His storehouse, on the first day of the week, a proportionate part of their income. What proportion should Christians give, if it is not the tithe, and where is it to be stored if not in God's storehouse? It was to be placed in a storehouse, for there were to be no special offerings when Paul came to Corinth. Moreover the following verse says that approved brethren should be chosen to take it to Jerusalem.

Another important verse

which clearly teaches that the tithes given through the church are given to the Lord is found in Hebrews 7:8. The writer is comparing the Levitical priests and Melchisedec, who is a type of Christ. He says "there he receiveth them of whom it is witnessed that he liveth". Of whom it is witnessed that "he liveth"? The Lord Jesus Christ. Thus it is clear that our tithes of today, given to His church, are gifts to Him. There are other New Testament passages which teach tithing as God's plan for church support, but space forbids their use here.

The New Testament program of church finance is based upon stewardship. Faithful stewardship finds obedience in love and joy in the Christian heart. The tithe is the minimum standard mentioned anywhere in the Bible. No Christian should give less than that, and many should give more, as they are enabled of God to do so. The tithes and offerings of all of God's people will supply every need for all of the work which God has commissioned His church to do. Moreover, Christians who do tithe receive God's blessing and joy in practicing it. I know this is true from the experiences of more than 40 years as a tither.—Editor)

### Selecting Vice-Presidents

For the third time in a little more than a decade, the Southern Baptist Convention will be meeting in the Miami, Florida area. We are certain that there are several well qualified men from that area who could serve our convention well as a vice-president. However this writer for one feels that it is time that we get away from the idea that just because we are meeting in the area we have to honor a brother from that area by electing him a vice-president. We should keep in mind that there are men in areas which could never accommodate the convention who are worthy of these offices also.

We should keep in mind that the vice-president is just a heart-beat away from the presidency and that as much prayer, care, and caution should be taken in electing him as that of our president. We should stop honoring the convention city by electing one of its men, just because we are meeting there. When we make our nominations and cast our ballots, we should envision the vice-president as president, for sooner or later, brethren, this is going to happen.

Finally, wouldn't it be good to have somebody on the program from the Last Baptist Church of Po-dunk Hollow, that nobody has ever heard of just for a change?

Bill H. Lewis, pastor  
Castledown Baptist Church  
Vallejo, California



# If I Had Only 24 Hours To Live...

NOTE: The following paragraphs were written by an Adult Union member as a suggested follow-through activity after a study in her Adult quarterly on facing the family crisis of death. The universal appeal of these warm thoughts should bless all who read them with a renewed appreciation of true riches in life. Hopefully, they will also move small troubles and irritations to one side as we dedicate ourselves to appropriate enjoyment of some of God's "best" blessings.

**By Mrs. Edward Bell  
Whitesville, Kentucky**  
If I had only 24 hrs. to live I'd begin my day—at 1:00 in the morning. Being a woman I'd want my house neat and clean so I'd put it in order quickly. I'd try to have a place for everything and have everything in its place so Ed and Vicki and Valerie could find what they needed without my help. You know how it is "Mother, where are my socks" and "Honey, what have you done with my hunting jacket."

I'd also want to provide something good for my family to eat. So I'd bake a ham per-

haps and fix the peach cobbler Ed's so crazy about. These preparations wouldn't take very long for I'd hurry. Every moment is precious you know.

Then I'd put on a warm robe and go outside and curl up in a chair and watch the sunrise for the last time. I'd marvel at the beauty of the mist that always gathers in the hollow across the road. I'd hear the sleepy twittering of a waking bird and I'd catch a glimpse of a fading star.

Soon the eastern sky would become a kaleidoscope of color and the rising sun would drench the countryside in golden splendor and transform the dew upon the grass to glittering diamond drops. And I would find peace and joy in the magnificence of God's handwork.

But time is passing and I'd slip back into the quiet house and put the coffee on to perk and the ham and eggs in the

skillet and the toast in the oven. And then I'd wake Ed. We'd eat breakfast as usual and before we finished Vicki would appear tousled headed and drowsy and Valerie would tumble in too all warm and rosy from sleep.

Soon we'd pack a little lunch and go for a picnic in our own special place where years of falling leaves have carpeted the ground so thickly it feels like you are walking on a sponge.

As the girls gathered flowers and chased butterflies I'd thank God for making them strong, for making them able to run and sing and for giving them a free country in which to live.

But we mustn't tarry long for the time is getting short. Back home I'd spend some time alone with Vicki. We'd talk about personal things. Being a Mother I'd caution her to be good and to live a Christian life. I'd tell her how proud I was of her and how much I loved her. And then I'd just hold her close to me.

I'd spend some time alone with Valerie too and because she is a baby we'd play. I'd read her Mother Goose book for the last time and I'd just love her and hold her because babies are so sweet to feel.

Perhaps in the afternoon some friends would stop by and my Mother and Dad and we'd have a quiet happy time together.

And I'd spend the remaining time with Ed. We'd talk about the girls and their future and about the good years we'd had together. There would be no tears or regrets. There'd be no time for that. We'd just be quiet and enjoy the comforting presence of each other. And as my last minutes drew to a close he would kiss me tenderly and tell me that he loved me and our parting words would be "Until we meet again."

## SONG OF EASTER

**By Russell M. McIntire, First, Clinton**

Maybe your mind does not work like this, but mine does. When I read, my mind visualizes and my ears hear music. The problem is that I am not an artist, nor am I truly a musician, so these sights and sounds cannot be given proper expression.

What do you see and hear when you read the Easter story? Let me share with you the things I hear, and perhaps you can put it to music and share it with the world.

The Song of Easter is a song filled with minor chords and solemn words the "lento" movements of a Man carrying a cross—a heavy cross—and a heavier heart. A man bruised and beaten sinless, but dying for sinners.

It is a song filled with the "agitato" movements of the jeering throng the priests with dignity and calling forgotten the soldiers trying to do their duty the screaming mob who only a week before had cried "Hosanna."

It is the story filled with the "affettuoso" moods of a weeping mother and weeping friends and heartbroken fearful disciples.

It has the "dirge" movements of death—the clanging—of hammer on nail of the whistling deadly spear.

But—through it all are the pastoral strains of love and tenderness, grace and mercy.

In it—this song of Easter—is the militant march of the King "Who is the King of Glory? The Lord Strong and Mighty He is the King of Glory!"

It is the song filled with the "brilliantes" and "allegros" of victory of triumph over sin over death and the grave.

It is the song only understood by sinners who know their need and who turn penitent heads to call him Lord. And all who turn to Him will live—because He lives!

# SCRAPBOOK

## Verse For The Week

For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.  
—Song of Solomon 2:11-12

## EASTER

Pluck the harp and breathe the horn:  
Know ye not 'tis Eastern morn?  
Gather gladness from the skies;  
Take a lesson from the ground;  
Flowers do ope their heavenward eyes  
And a Springtime joy have found;  
Earth throws winter's robes away,  
Decks herself for Easter Day.  
—From the poem by Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844-1889)

## What Does Easter Mean To You?

What does Easter mean to you?  
Stately church with cushioned pew  
Where richly-clad, devoted throngs  
Of worshipers unite in songs  
Of praise in lilting air?  
Is this what makes your Easter fair?  
Does it mean the end of winter's reign,  
Bright skies and welcome warmth again  
Singing of birds, budding of trees,  
Sweet spring odors on the breeze  
From daffodil and crocus bed  
And balsam branches overhead?  
Sad is the world and cold and gray  
If this is all of Easter Day  
But if this blessed season brings  
A firmer faith in holy things,  
Assurances of a living Lord;  
A strengthening of the tender chord  
Of love that binds us to life to come  
Where loved ones wait us in the heavenly home,  
No pain or loss can e'er efface the bliss  
Dear friend of Easter, when it means all this,  
—May Ricker Conard

## LIKE BELLS OF HOPE

**By Charles Coffey**

The world is facing once again the moving story of Easter. Like bells of hope the message of the risen Christ will sound over all the world. In this day of frustration and careless devotion to things spiritual, it is encouraging that we still maintain a great reverence for Easter. The fact that so many respond to the call to worship on Easter

## SUNSET

Oh! What a blessed thought to know  
That someone cares when the sun is low,  
To look to the heavens in all you do,  
And know that someone there waits for you.  
Oh! Lord that I might ready be  
Whenever my last sunset I see.  
—Written by Mrs. Della Ann Harrison, several weeks before her death on December 10, 1965, at age 34.

## SPRING

Sound the flute!  
Now 'tis morn;  
Birds delight,  
Day and night,  
Nightingale  
In the dawn,  
Lark in the sky,  
Merrily,  
Merrily, merrily to welcome in  
the year.  
—William Blake (1737-1827)

## God Is Not Dead: He Lives!

**By Alonzo A. Runnels,  
Goodwater Church, Magee**  
If God is dead, then all is lost—  
The things that are and things to come—  
The future holds but empty hands  
And hangs by threads of human strands.  
God is not dead. I heard His call  
Distinct and clear: It rang like bells,  
It told of love and tender care  
And echoed back from far and

near.  
God is not dead. He rides the clouds.  
The moon and stars He holds in space.  
He sends the rain and makes the snow  
And colors bright the sky's rainbow.  
God is not dead, nor far away.  
Eternally shall sail His ship  
And hold the anchor to His line  
Forever on the crest of time.



"HE IS RISEN. . . . Wherefore he is able . . . to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."—Matt. 28:6; Heb. 7:25.  
—(RNS PHOTO)

to the blind and healing to the sick, so does He open our eyes to the spiritual world and heal the wounds of life.

—As surely as He stilled the storm, so does He calm the tempest which rages in our souls, and brings us peace.

Therefore, Christ is not a memory, but a presence; not a figure in time, but a timeless figure, saying to us "because I live, you will live also."—FBC Beacon, Kannapolis, N.C.

**A FLOWER**  
Because the road was steep and long  
And through a rough and barren land  
God placed upon my lips a song  
And a flower in my hand.  
—Kilmer

**Buns Marked With A Cross**  
One a penny, bun,  
Two a penny, bun,  
One a penny, bun,  
Hot cross buns!  
Good Friday in early England  
was ushered in with cries of "Hot Cross Buns!" The small spiced buns, their sugary tops marked with a cross were the specialty of many bakeshops, and they were hawked about all the streets.

# 'HOLEY' CARDS: TWENTIETH CENTURY APOLOGETIC

**By C. Richard Broome  
Administrator of Data  
Processing  
Southern Seminary,  
Louisville, Ky.**

Depersonalization is the cry! Zip codes, social security numbers and telephone area codes have replaced distinctive individuality!

So universal is this lament that the person who works with data processing must constantly be on the defensive. This article, for what it's worth, is one data processor's apologetic.

There is a Biblical admonition to "let all things be done decently and in order" (1 Cor. 14:40). In the age of population explosion, rapid transit, orbiting satellites and billion-dollar "deals," electronic data processing is the orderly way to keep up with facts,

things—and individuals.

Even in the distant past, Moses was commanded to number the Children of Israel (Num. 1:4).

It hardly seems necessary to point out how Zip codes aid in sorting mail or social security numbers in identifying taxpayers. But the churches are finding uses for better means of identification too. One Southern Baptist pastor recently had to inform the Sunday School Board that a Mrs. J. E. Jones who earned a study course award this year is the same as Mrs. Jack Jones (and Mrs. Helen Jones) who had earned previous awards. To the extent that data processing aids in consolidating, storing and disseminating information, it is a blessing and not a curse. Machines are only robots—

morons—that perform rapidly the clerical tasks assigned to them. They do not think; they simply repeat over and over the various steps of their programs. However, they never tire in making mathematical calculations, typing statistical lists, searching files or verifying information.

If it were not for modern data processing techniques our Sunday School Board would need many more clerks and much more space and time to process the subscriptions for church literature. Even then, it would be almost impossible to keep abreast of publication schedules. The same is true of complicated pension calculations and financial records kept by the SBC Annuity Board.

Without the astounding speeds at which these machines perform their tasks, much data would become obsolete before it could be processed and used. By doing the repetitive and often monotonous jobs, these machines free human minds for more important tasks. Surely relief from drudgery makes persons more creative!

Finally, the electronic data machine does not lose the individual in a maze of numbers. Rather, it insures against the loss of the individual by a hazy memory or file clerk's simple error. A seminary alumni secretary, for example, cannot possibly remember all the details concerning all the graduates of the school—even if he could remember all the graduates.

When a pulpit committee needs information on a possible pastor or other church worker, the machine provides a list of alumni with the desired biographical background, training and experience. Distinctive individuality has been revealed—not obliterated.

There are few unmixing blessings. Certainly data processing is not the answer to all our human dilemmas. In fact, some problems inhere in its use. Nevertheless, rather than being critics of change per se, thoughtful persons should be constant seekers of better methods. As the Apostle Paul wrote: "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." Man is a person; do not fold, bend or mutilate him—free him to be creative.

## Billy Graham's Advice To Young People

Billy Graham gives helpful rules for young people—whether young or old, these are worth your prayerful consideration:

1. Avoid the wrong company.
2. Watch your eyes; you cannot help the first look but you can help the second look.
3. Watch your lips. Refrain from telling dirty or off-color stories.
4. Watch your heart. Don't let evil thoughts stay in your mind.
5. Watch your dress. I know a girl who always dressed provocatively until she was converted to Christ. Now she says: "I dress as though Christ were my escort each evening."
6. Watch your recreation and amusements. Be careful about the films and TV shows you watch.
7. Be careful what you read. The newstands are filled with pornographic literature, avoid them like a plague.
8. Have Christ in your heart and life.—"The Open Door," FBC, Philadelphia.

## Date Of Easter

Easter falls on the first Sunday after the full moon which follows the vernal equinox. This date may occur anytime between March 22 and April 25.



IN A GARDEN—"The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come." (S. of S. 2:12 RSV) (RNS Photo)

## Recollections Of The Baptist Record Under Editor P.I. Lipsey, Part 6

**By John J. Lipsey**

There were at least two reasons why my father (Dr. P. I. Lipsey, Editor of The Baptist Record from 1912 to 1941) and I (his hired hand) came to open The Baptist Record Book Store. One was that we needed to make enough money to keep the paper going and to pay our wages. The other was that we had "discovered" that the Bible is easy to sell, perhaps the easiest book to sell. (It is, as everyone knows, the all-time best seller in the world.)

We discovered this by offering a Bible as a premium to those who sent fifty cents extra when they sent in two dollars for a year's subscription. We got hundreds, maybe a thousand, such orders, as I have already related.

**Sale of Bibles**  
As I have also told Father got several hundred picked-over religious books when he bought control of The Mississippi Baptist Publishing Company which owned The Record. But there were (as I recall) no Bibles in the lot. In those days the King James version was the most popular edition, though the American Standard version was creeping up. The publisher had to pay no royalty on the King James version to King James or to anyone else, and could produce copies to sell at a low price. Father and I decided to try a few Bibles and they sold exceedingly well from

our tiny office in the Capital National Bank Building and by mail through advertisements in The Record. (On our own ads, we did not have to pay a commission to our advertising agents.)

This success put an idea into our heads: We needed more office room; why not rent street-level space in a Capitol Street building and use it for an office and a book store too? About this time we saw a for-rent sign in a Capitol Street one-story building which had been erected smack on top of Town Creek. This had been built by a Mr. Huber, a shoe-repairman who by hard work, long hours and thrift accumulated enough money to buy the land through which the creek ran next to his tiny shop and home. Everybody said it was a purchase so silly as to be unworthy of a man whose judgment had been previously highly regarded. Take a look at what was then 160-166 East Capitol Street and see how smart "everybody" was!

**166 East Capitol**  
No. 166 was Mr. Huber's shop; no. 164 was a tailor's shop; no. 162 was a drug store; no. 160 was the garage premise. (Each was about 25 feet wide.) This last had been occupied briefly by a barber shop, whose operator had erected a wooden partition about midway between front and back. Thus, the

front half could be public and the back at least semi-private. The partition was abandoned and Mr. Huber offered it to us for nothing if we would sign a year's lease at \$50 a month. We took up his offer, though the rent was twice that we paid the Capital National Bank. However, by this time Miss Mattie Bailey had resigned her office of trust and profit as mailing clerk, and we had had to rent space in a nearby building in which was housed our mailing equipment and in which young Caleb Dortch, mailer for the Clarion-Ledger, performed his functions for us.

Behind this partition in our new quarters we installed Mr. Dortch; his big table and equipment. That left a vast open space which was eventually to be filled with reserve stock, mostly Bibles. But just then there was nothing to put there. One corner did contain a sink and an enclosed toilet. During the four or more years I was there we never had any hot water except what was heated atop the big stove that was presumed to heat the whole joint. Hence, in summer, no hot water.

There was a big back door, but no possibility of making a safe exit from it. A person leaving by that door would immediately find himself 20 or 30 feet below in the water (or the dry bed) of Town

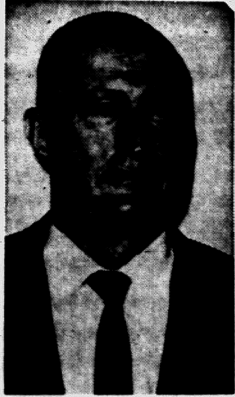
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# Where Is The Body?

By C. Earl Cooper  
Riverside Church  
Jacksonville, Florida

Where is the body that once in a borrowed tomb did lie? Where is the corn, once green, once ripe, once meaty, which so long ago was planted in the warm, friendly earth? Where are the billions of tiny



Rev. G. E. Wells

## Wells Resigns At Corinth

Rev. G. E. Wells has resigned as pastor of Corinth Church in Leake County. He and Mrs. Wells have returned to their home in Jones County. The Corinth Church honored the Wells with a church-wide fellowship before they left, and presented them with a silver coffee service and a gift of money.

Mr. Wells, who has pastored Mississippi and Louisiana churches, for the past 25 years, is available as supply or interim pastor. He can be contacted at Route One, Laurel, or by calling telephone number 428-0819.

animals which along the ocean bottom once swam? Where is the embryo which once under its mother's ribs found comfort? Where are the forests which once stood tall, green, and majestic? Where are the people who once filled these empty, hollow, lonely houses with laughter and children—calling them home?

He is not here. He is risen! He has not been stolen away. The body which once beneath Mary's heart began to be a living, pulsating organism has now in the heart of the earth, under the hand of God, become transfused with never-ending life; it has been translated; it has become transcendent; it has become incorruptible. He is alive forevermore. He has taken death by the throat and choked death to death.

The corn, once ripe, once meaty, has died, but it shall be born again. In the stalk, in the tassel, in the full-flown ear—it shall, multiplied over again and again, be again. Two miles beneath the earth the oil—dead animals born in the evolution of things—a life-giving substance.

From its mother's body a baby born, from one world to another: embryo-baby-person-being: life and laughter.

From forests green to houses, to homes, to factories, to planes, to ships, to trains—dead but living. . . once. . . no more. . . once again. . .

In the cemetery they lie, but because He arose, they shall rise. They are planted; they died to live again. From one world to another, from one room, down a dark hall to a lighted doorway, they move out into the sunlight of God's eternal love.



**DOUBLE TEAM**—Tom McKibbens (centering the ball) is a tackle on the University of Mississippi football team and serves as assistant pastor at North Oxford Church where Rev. Jim Bain (behind the ball), a former Mississippi State University quarterback, is pastor. Student members of the church "team" include Julian Fagan of Laurel and Lu Hill of Brandon. Mr. McKibbens, a sophomore at Ole Miss and recently ordained as a minister, works closely with the youth of the 600 member Oxford church.

## PLAYS IN DUAL ROLE

### Oxford's Youngest Preacher Is Tackle On Ole Miss Team

UNIVERSITY, Miss.—Tom McKibbens of Laurel is a versatile young man playing the usual dual role of football player and minister.

A tackle on the University of Mississippi football team, Tom is a recently ordained minister and is flexing his muscles both on the sports field and for the North Oxford Church.

Ole Miss football players are bruisers and Mr. McKibbens is no exception, weighing 217 pounds and standing 6-4. But that just makes it all the more effective when he makes a point from the pulpit where he serves as assistant pastor.

Probably nowhere in the Southern Baptist Convention is there a team of church leaders like Tom and Rev. Jim Bain, pastor of the church. Mr. Bain is a strapping 6-1, 215 pound former Mississippi State University quarterback.

Tom works closely with the youth of the 600 member church and presides over the

Sunday services. He also preaches at revivals throughout Mississippi and delivers the sermon at the Oxford church when Mr. Bain is out of town, attending classes at the New Orleans Seminary.

Accepting the call to the ministry his senior year at R. H. Watkins High School in Laurel, Tom was guided in his decision by his parents, Dr. and Mrs. T. R. McKibbens. Dr. McKibbens has been pastor of the First Baptist Church at Laurel for 18 years and it was a happy day when his son revealed his plans to the church.

"Since I accepted the call to the ministry," said Tom, "doors have been opening everywhere."

Tom claimed all-state honors in football his senior year, in addition to winning honorable mention All-American laurels in both football and basketball. He signed a grant-in-aid with the Rebels and played tackle last year on the freshman squad. He was a red-shirt-tackle this year as a sophomore. He is being switched to center for spring training.

The county's youngest minister has found first-hand experience with preaching is giving him an insight into his future work.

"I found that preaching is not the thing that takes up the time of a pastor," said Tom. "If all a pastor had to do was preach, he would have an easy job."

As conscientious on the gridiron as he is behind the pulpit, he figures the jobs go hand-in-glove.

"The better football player I am, the bigger name I'll have, and the better I'll be able to work for Christ."

Mr. McKibbens says he plans to enroll at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky., after graduation from Ole Miss. He might consider an offer to play pro football, but he concludes "that's a bridge I'll cross if I come to it."

## Saltillo Church Calls Pastor

Rev. Neal Bowman, Jr. is the new pastor of Saltillo Church at Saltillo. He moved there from Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, where he had served the Alton Church since 1964.

Other pastures he has held include Bethlehem, Red House, and Rays Fork, in Kentucky, and Posttown Heights, Southside, Central, Coshocton, and Cambridge in Ohio. In Ohio he worked with the State Convention of Baptists and the Home Mission Board, SBC.

Born in Richmond, Kentucky, he was reared in Ohio. He is married and has three children: Bobbie Jean, James Michael and Ricky Dale.

## Baptist Choir Tours Paraguay

A small caravan slowly wound its way through the steaming streets of Asuncion, Paraguay, and out onto the highway one broiling hot afternoon. Students of the Paraguayan Baptist Theological Institute were setting out on their first choir tour.

Packed into two cars and a microbus were 16 young people and three Southern Baptist missionary professors: Mrs. Mack P. Jones, the music teacher (former Mississippian); Mr. Jones; and Rev. William A. Hickman, Jr., director of the school.

First stop was Carapegua, hometown of two students. "When we arrived, all eyes were fixed upon us as if we were from Mars," says Mrs. Jones.

The choir enjoyed the hospitality of the local Baptist pastor (he entertained the entire group for supper and turned a large room of his house into a women's dormitory that night).

They encountered friendliness and enthusiasm all along their route. Each pueblo (little town) was different. In one, almost all the people were of Russian descent; in another, they saw horse-and-buggy taxis. The temperature hit 110 degrees, and the dust of the unpaved red-dirt roads clung to the travelers until, says Mrs. Jones, "we looked more like mud dolls than humans."

The Paraguayan Baptist Theological Institute was opened in 1956. Mrs. Jones, who joined the faculty in 1965, teaches music theory, directing, and piano. (The former Marie Martin, she is a native of Hattiesburg, Miss., where she majored in music at the University of Southern Mississippi.)

## BH TOPICS FOR APRIL

THE BAPTIST HOUR sermon theme for April and May will be "Promises of Jesus."

THE BAPTIST HOUR sermon topics for April are:

- April 2—"Rest for the Weary" (Matthew 11:28)
- April 9—"An Occupation or a Vacation?" (Mark 1:17)
- April 16—"The Staff of Eternal Life" (John 6:51)
- April 23—"The Lost and Found Department" (Matthew 18:25)
- April 30—"Half a Gospel is No Gospel" (Matthew 17:22-23)

Dr. Herschel Hobbs, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is THE BAPTIST HOUR preacher.



Rev. Lewis Watkins

## WALLERVILLE CALLS PASTOR

Wallerville Church, Union County Association, has called Rev. Lewis M. Watkins as pastor.

Watkins, a native of Jackson, holds the B. A. degree from Mississippi College and B. D. degree from New Orleans Seminary. He has served churches in Alabama for five years and moved to Wallerville from Lena, where he served as pastor for the past two years.

He is married to the former Helen Warren from Magee. They have two children, Shari Roma, 5, and Lewis McGill, Jr., 3.

## D. C. CHURCH CHANGES NAME

The name of Metropolitan Baptist Church, Sixth and A Streets, N. E., Washington, D. C. 20002, was changed to Capitol Hill Metropolitan Baptist Church on February 8, 1967. The address remains the same. Formerly, there were two Metropolitan Baptist Churches in the city.

## MIAMI CHURCH CHANGES ITS RULES AND BECOMES MISSION

MIAMI, Fla. (BP)—A 45-year old English-speaking congregation which for years has maintained a Spanish-language department has switched the two roles.

Calvary Baptist Church here now has become a Spanish-language mission with an English-language department.

The \$125,000 property, which includes a 350-seat sanctuary and 35 classrooms, were turned over to the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention during a special ceremony here.

"I think this is the first situation of this kind anywhere in the denomination," said James F. Brooks, who has been pastor of the 250-member English-speaking congregation.

## Music

### HIGH LIGHTS

#### Four Music Weeks At Gulfshore, 1967 VOCAL-CHORAL WEEK FOR YOUTH AND YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Concentration on vocal and choral music for Jr. Hi., Sr. Hi. and Young People. Voice-Music Reading Classes each day led by teaching teams. Also mass choir.

Guest Clinicians include: James Woodward, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma; Dr. and Mrs. Carlyle Bennett, Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, California; Robert L. Sneed, First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee; Assembly Pastor: Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Miss. Baptist Conv. Board; Co-ordinator: Bill Cannady, First Baptist Church, Yazoo City.



Woodward



Quarles



Cannady

#### JUNIOR MUSIC WEEK (FOR JUNIORS AND JUNIOR LEADERSHIP)

July 3-8

Classes in hymn playing, conducting, voice, music reading, hymnology. Also choral rehearsals each day. . . plus . . . Leadership Conferences . . . and drama.

Guest Clinicians include: Mr. and Mrs. Bob Burroughs, First Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas; Assembly Pastor: Rev. Shelby Newman, Opp., Alabama; Co-ordinator: Graham Smith, First Baptist Church, Laurel.

#### YOUTH MUSIC WEEK (INCLUDING YOUTH LEADERSHIP)

July 10-15

Emphasis on orchestral instruments as well as choral. . . Bring your instruments. Classes in voice, piano, organ, conducting, hymnology, instrumental ensemble. Rehearsals each day. (For Jr. Hi. and Sr. Hi.)

Guest Clinicians include: Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCoy, Louisiana College, Pineville; Earl Holloway, First Baptist Church, Memphis; Assembly Pastor: Rev. Altus Newell, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky; Co-ordinators: Rev. and Mrs. Taylor Ballard, First Baptist Church, Winona.

#### LAYMEN AND LEADERS MUSIC WEEK . . . AND . . . YOUTH CHOIR RETREAT

August 7-12

Practical help for Lay Music Directors, Ministers of Music, Children's Choir Workers, Pianists, Organists, Pastors, Laymen (Families invited).

Also a feature . . . YOUTH CHOIR RETREAT . . . for choirs who wish to rehearse their fall music under own director and also participate in part of regular assembly program. A planned schedule each day for choirs.

Guest Clinicians include: R. Paul Green, Houston Baptist Church, Houston, Texas; Connie Hawk, Music Director and Children's Choir Director, Bossier City, La.; Marie Newton, Children's Music Consultant, Atlanta, Georgia; Assembly Pastor Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Jackson, Miss.; Co-ordinator: Kenneth Forbus, First Baptist Church, Greenville.

FEATURES EACH DAY — WORSHIP SERVICES, PLANNED RECREATION (SWIMMING, BOATING, BALL GAMES), CHORUS CONCERTS, REHEARSALS, FELLOWSHIP, VESPERS, INSPIRING MUSIC.

NURSERY FACILITIES AVAILABLE MORNINGS AND EVENINGS. ENTIRE CHOIRS AND PORTION OF CHOIRS INVITED EACH WEEK. SEVERAL CHOIRS WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO PERFORM.

FOR INFORMATIONAL BROCHURE AND RESERVATIONS WRITE W. T. DOUGLAS, ASSEMBLIES MANAGER, GULFSHORE BAPTIST ASSEMBLY, PASS CHRISTIAN, MISSISSIPPI 39571.

It's associational WMU meeting time again in Mississippi! Associational presidents have scheduled meetings and have been publicizing them for some time now.

Following is a schedule of dates for associational meetings by districts and also a list of the missionaries who will be speaking at the meetings.

- District 1, April 4-14—Dorothy Latham, Brazil
- District 2, April 10-14—Joyce Carmichael, New Orleans
- District 3, April 3-7—Mrs. Edd Trott, Brazil
- District 4, April 3-7 — Mrs. Glenn Morris, Thailand
- District 5, April 10-21—Lucy Wright, China-Korea and Mrs. Ira Bright, Jr., Nigeria
- District 6, April 10-18—Mrs. D. V. Haggan, Philadelphia and Mrs. Harvey Headrick, Brazil
- District 7, April 10 - 14 — Harvey Headrick, Brazil
- District 8, April 3 - 7 — Jerry St. John, Mississippi
- District 9, April 4-14—Mrs. Payton Myers, Nigeria and Mrs. Jerry St. John, Mississippi
- District 10, April 3-6—Mrs. Harry Raley, Taiwan
- District 11, April 3-7—Mrs. John Cheyne, Rhodesia

The theme for the spring associational meetings will be "And Jesus said, 'Learn of me.'" Part of the business session in each meeting will be devoted to the election of new officers.

## Sunday School

### SUNDAY SCHOOL BIBLE TEACHING CONFERENCE

Broadmoor Church April 10-12, 1967 Jackson  
PROGRAM BEGINS MONDAY, 7:00 P. M. — ADJOURNS WEDNESDAY NOON

#### General Officers



Joe Davis Heacock  
Southwestern Seminary  
Fort Worth, Texas

#### Intermediate



June Vinson  
First Baptist Church  
Dallas, Texas

#### Adult-Cradle Roll-Ext.



Henry Love  
First Baptist Church  
Shreveport, La.

### FIVE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES

- Pastors . . . . . Clyde T. Francisco and W. Boyd Hunt
- General Officers . . . . . Joe Davis Heacock, Ft. Worth, Texas
- Adult, Cradle Roll, Extension . . . . . Henry Love, Shreveport, La.
- Young People . . . . . Merle T. Basden, Ft. Worth, Texas
- Intermediate . . . . . June Vinson, Dallas, Texas
- Junior . . . . . Mrs. Jay Skaggs, Dallas, Texas
- Primary . . . . . Elsie Rives, Nashville, Tenn.
- Beginner . . . . . Helen Young Nashville, Tenn.
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100 people who called on February 12, for open house. Tables under the car-port were loaded with gifts from more than 20 churches throughout the association, for the missionary, Rev. Marvin K. Lee, and family.

The home was built by Ball Construction Co. under the leadership of a building committee consisting of: Clyde Parker, Mrs. C. E. James, Elmo Overby, Rev. Doyle Caples, and Rev. Buford Ustry. The Associational WMU and friends furnished the drapes, and the Associational Brotherhood furnished the refrigerator for the kitchen.

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## RECOLLECTIONS

(Continued from page 5)  
Creek. This Town Creek was  
a stream as capricious as one  
flowing at the bottom of a  
western gulch. Usually dry, or  
almost so, it sometimes went  
on a wild rampage. At such  
times it took a detour through  
Farish Street and backed up  
on Capitol for 300 feet on each  
side of Farish, flooding base-  
ments. It never bothered us.  
The bridge, on which we fronted,  
was higher than Farish  
Street, and, besides, we had no basement.

At the front were big plate-  
glass windows on which I had  
caused to be decorated in gold  
leaf with the proud device:  
The Baptist Record Book Store.  
Since there was a blank wall to the east of the  
store, I had the same in-  
scription emblazoned in 18-  
inch letters on the brick. This  
sign was so blatant that a lit-  
erate, eastbound wayfarer on  
Capitol Street would have had  
to be a very great fool in-  
deed not to know what busi-  
ness was housed in the build-  
ing.

Behind the plate-glass win-  
dows I caused to be construct-  
ed large platforms for the dis-  
play of merchandise. There  
was no backing to these dis-  
play windows, so that one  
could from outside see what  
was in, and what was going  
on in, the store, as far back  
as the partition.

In the beginning, what one  
could see was very little: the  
bookcase which held the trifling  
lot of religious books  
which had been in the old of-  
fice, three or four long pine  
tables which we had had  
made and varnished and  
which served as counters, a  
stack of Bibles in their boxes,  
Father's rolitop desk and his  
chair, my typewriter desk  
(for the subscription ledgers) with  
a stool, a tiny cash register,  
and a medium-sized iron safe.

Up to this time The Record  
had had no insurance and no  
safe. This is strange, since if  
fire had destroyed the ledgers,  
we would have been almost  
out of business, though the  
mailing list, in another loca-  
tion, would have helped re-  
construct the subscription  
ledgers. Still, our mailing  
slugs did not show the dates  
of expiration.

**Fire Insurance**  
But now that we were  
to have a larger and a vul-  
nerable stock of books, we ap-  
plied for fire insurance. The  
insurer demanded, as a con-  
dition of assuming our whop-  
ping risk, that we purchase  
an iron safe for storing at  
night our records and cash.  
(We never had insurance  
against burglary, and as it  
turned out the only merchan-  
dise loss we ever suffered was  
by burglary. Shortly after I  
enlisted in the Army, some-

one entered and took away  
our entire stock of fountain  
pens, worth about \$250 at  
wholesale.)

"Silent Salesman."

From Harry Watts (a friend  
of my father) who was boss  
of the Baptist Laymen in Mis-  
sissippi and a salesman for  
Montag Brothers of Atlanta,  
we bought a handsome ten-  
foot showcase (which Mr.  
Watts called a "silent sales-  
man") to house a stock of  
fancy stationery which he also  
sold us. Of this case we were  
proud: it was one of the few  
things in the shop which was  
not either old or home-made.

For making this move, for  
buying equipment, for stock-  
ing the store we had little  
capital. I really don't know  
how we did it, except by fore-  
going our wages for a while,  
and on jawbone. I know we  
borrowed no money, though  
our credit was good. I sup-  
pose we paid cash (from cur-  
rent Record receipts) for what  
we had to and charged what  
we could. The Publishers,  
Winston, Revell, Doran, Dou-  
bleday, Page, James Pott,  
Nelson, and others were gen-  
erous and patient with us. We  
never had trouble in having  
books shipped on open ac-  
count, sometimes on agreed-  
upon long terms, so that we  
were able to stock the store,  
though somewhat skimpily.  
Always we were short of mon-  
ey. Very often Father went  
without salary, drawing only  
enough for necessary business  
expenses, travel, food and  
lodging.

(More about The Baptist  
Record Book Store next  
week, I hope.)  
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## MISSIONARIES TO LEAD TOUR TO CARIBBEAN

A 4-day Caribbean tour of  
home mission work in Puerto  
Rico and foreign mission  
fields in Jamaica is planned  
immediately following the  
Southern Baptist meeting in  
Miami. Mr. and Mrs. Charles  
H. Rankin, language mission-  
aries of the Home Mission  
Board, will lead the tour. The  
group will leave Miami on  
Saturday, June 3, and return  
June 7.

Travel is being handled by  
King Travel Service, Topeka,  
Kansas. Because of group  
rates, total cost of fare, hotel  
accommodations, and food  
will be about \$175 per person.

The Rankins, who live at  
944 Highland in Topeka, in-  
vite friends to make reserva-  
tions and join them on this  
mission trip.

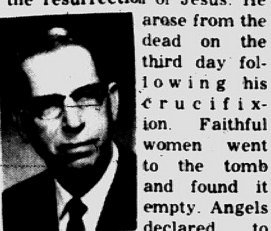
# The Sunday School Lesson

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON— LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM—

## Proclaiming The Resurrection

By Clifton J. Allen  
Luke 24

In the lesson before us we  
are confronted by the fact of  
the resurrection of Jesus. He



arose from the  
dead on the  
third day fol-  
lowing his  
crucifixion.  
Faithful  
women went  
to the tomb  
and found it  
empty. Angels  
declared to  
them that the Lord is alive.  
Luke tells of the appearance  
of Jesus himself to the two  
disciples on the way to Em-  
maus, and of his interpreting  
to them from the Scriptures  
the truth about himself. Lat-  
er, that same day, Jesus ap-  
peared to the disciples in Je-  
rusalem and convinced them  
of the reality of his resur-  
rection. He charged them to  
become witnesses to the fact  
of the resurrection and to pro-  
claim the truth of the gospel  
to the whole world.

The Lesson Explained  
**THE WITNESS OF THE  
EMPTY TOMB (vv. 1-9)**

Very early on the first day  
of the week—our Sunday—the  
women went to the tomb to  
embalm the body of Jesus.  
This had not been possible be-  
cause of the hurried burial  
after the crucifixion. They  
found the tomb empty. No  
wonder they were perplexed,  
for they did not expect Jesus  
to rise from the dead. Two  
men—that is, angels—re-  
solved their perplexity: "He  
is not here, but is risen." Je-  
sus had told his followers that  
he would be crucified and  
that he would rise again on  
the third day. Now the wom-  
en remembered his words.  
And they rushed away from  
the tomb to tell the glad news  
to the eleven disciples.

The four Gospels all declare  
the historic fact: the tomb  
was empty. The women en-  
tered the tomb but found not  
the body. Peter and John later  
examined the tomb and  
found it empty. The chief  
priests—as Matthew tells us—  
agreed with the soldiers that  
the tomb was empty and  
trumped up the story that the  
disciples stole the body while  
the soldiers slept. But the  
fact remains indisputable. Je-  
sus Christ is not dead. He is  
alive.

**THE WITNESS OF THE  
SCRIPTURES (vv. 44-46)**

Jesus' appearance to Cleo-  
pas and his companions fol-  
lowed earlier appearances to  
Mary Magdalene and a group  
of women. At some time dur-  
ing that day, Jesus appeared  
to Simon Peter. In the even-  
ing he appeared to ten dis-  
ciples, Thomas being absent.  
The verses we now study re-  
cord a later appearance to the  
disciples. They still lacked the  
understanding they needed of  
Jesus' crucifixion and resur-  
rection. Jesus now opened the  
minds of the disciples that  
they might gain new insight  
into things which Moses and  
the prophets and other writ-  
ers had said. Jesus helped

them to understand that his  
death and resurrection were  
a part of God's plan. They  
were his provision for the sal-  
vation of the world.

**THE WITNESS BY  
CHRISTIANS (vv. 47-49)**

The redemption wrought  
through the suffering and vic-  
torious resurrection of Jesus  
is to be offered to all races  
and nations. There is inspir-  
ing meaning suggested by the  
phrase, "beginning at Jerusa-  
lem." If there was hope for  
the hypocrites and the cruci-  
fiers and the blasphemers and  
the slaves of sin in Jerusa-  
lem, there is surely hope that  
the gospel will be the power  
of God for salvation with  
skeptics and criminals and  
idolaters and moralists and  
hypocrites of this generation.

**Truths to Live By**

Jesus is the living Lord.—  
We talk much about the resur-  
rection on that first Easter.  
But we seem to forget the  
meaning of that fact. The resur-  
rection declared that Jesus  
is both Lord and Christ. This  
truth must take on meaning  
in the experience of Chris-  
tians today. Jesus Christ is the  
living Lord now. His lordship  
must be the absolute authori-  
ty for Christians in the total-  
ity of their experience, and  
his sovereignty over the  
whole world is the ground of  
Christian hope. Since Jesus  
Christ is the living Lord, he  
is to be the object of adora-  
tion, of faith, and of allegi-  
ance. His principles and  
promises and warnings are to  
be accepted as the touchstone  
for every goal and the sure  
direction for life.

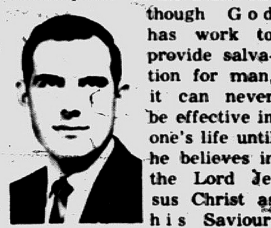
Christians have a message  
to proclaim.—The resurrec-  
tion of Jesus Christ is still the  
most stupendous fact in hu-  
man history. Christians are to  
proclaim this by their man-  
ner of life, by every medium  
of communication, and to all  
the people in the world.



C. H. LOCKLIN, JR., son of  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles H.  
Locklin of Gulfport, was  
licensed to preach on March 5  
at Emmanuel Church, Jack-  
son, where he is music direc-  
tor. Mr. Locklin, a student  
at Mississippi College, served  
in the U. S. Army as a para-  
trooper and a member of the  
2nd Infantry Division at Fort  
Benning, Ga. He is married  
to the former Dianne Hutson,  
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.  
L. Hutson of Jackson. Rev.  
W. R. Storie is pastor of the  
Emmanuel Church.

By Bill Duncan  
Romans 10:5-17  
John 20:30-31

With this lesson we close  
the survey of the "Story of  
Redemption" in the Bible. Al-  
though God



has work to  
provide salva-  
tion for man,  
it can never  
be effective in  
one's life until  
he believes in  
the Lord Je-  
sus Christ as  
his Saviour.  
These passages are some  
of the clearest in the Bible on  
how to be saved. They teach  
not only the responsibility of  
the individual, but the uni-  
versal nature of the gospel.  
The purpose of this whole  
study has been to bring men  
to see the primary emphasis  
of the Bible and our need of  
sharing our story of redemp-  
tion with persons.

**Righteousness by Faith**  
Romans 10:5-10

"Christ is the goal of the  
law of righteousness to every  
one that believeth." Paul at-  
tempts to show to Israel (v.  
5-8) the contrast between the  
righteousness by law and the  
righteousness by faith. The  
law says, "Do and live by  
this means." Moses' testimony  
is that righteousness by law  
comes in doing, and it would  
be man's righteousness. No  
one has ever been able to  
meet the requirements of the  
law in his own strength. The  
law was not to save but to  
reveal sin.

Righteousness by faith is  
described to be the only  
genuine righteousness because  
of the finished work of Christ.  
This righteousness does not  
demand human merit or ef-  
fort. That which the law re-  
quired and was impossible for  
man, God has done in Christ.  
All man has to do is believe  
what Christ has done. God's  
righteousness is not distant.  
It only requires the act of be-  
lieving and its proof in con-  
fession.

The word of faith that Paul  
preaches salvation depends  
upon the right response to  
Christ, which includes believ-  
ing in his divine nature and  
the actual resurrection and  
receiving him as the one sent  
of God to save man from sin.  
Confession by the mouth is  
the natural declaration of the  
belief in the heart. This con-  
firms an experience which is  
already complete, a decision  
already reached, an attitude  
already felt. Both belief and  
confession are voluntary.

The terms heart and mouth  
are significant in contrast to  
the law. The term heart de-  
notes the center of the moral  
being, including the three el-  
ements intellect, feeling, and  
will. Saving faith dominates  
the entire man. As a conse-  
quence, this faith will express  
itself in confession. The  
mouth without the heart  
would be hypocrisy. Righteousness comes by be-  
lieving and salvation comes  
from confession.

The confession Jesus Christ

is Lord speaks of the unique-  
ness of Jesus Christ. The resur-  
rection was an essential of  
Christian belief. The Chris-  
tian must believe not only  
that Jesus lived but that he  
lives as a real presence, con-  
quering, and the victor in life.  
The confession involves wit-  
ness before men to let them  
know whose side we are on.

**Righteousness by  
Faith for All**  
10:11-17

The universality of the Gos-  
pel of Righteousness is the  
theme of this section. The  
term "whosoever" implies the  
scope of the gospel. It is uni-  
versal in that it meets the  
needs of both Jew and Gen-  
tile alike. This common need  
is seen in that all have sin  
and apart from Christ are  
lost. It is universal in its in-  
vitation and offer. God is  
shown to have the same rela-  
tionship to both Jews and  
Gentile. "The same Lord over  
all is continually wealthy to  
all those who are continually  
invoking His aid." There is a  
double assurance of salvation,  
namely, what God is and what  
He promises to do. Whosoever  
will call with repentance,  
trust, sincerity, and humility,  
God will hear, forgive, and  
save.

Since the Gospel is univer-  
sal the Christian is called to  
the universal preaching of the  
story of Jesus. There are five  
questions with "how" that  
every Christian must face.  
These stages are presented  
backward to the act of being  
saved. Men must be sent be-  
fore they will call upon the  
name of the Lord. Even  
though it is not needed, we  
must still proclaim it far and  
near.

The simple secret of faith  
is found in verse 17. Faith  
comes from a message heard  
and this message from the  
word of God. The more we  
know God through His word,  
the more faith we shall pos-  
sess. Faith does not come by  
asking. The longer we spend  
with our Bible in getting ac-  
quainted with God, the strong-  
er, more practical and happier  
will be our faith.

**Believing Ye May Have Life**  
John 20:30-31

John says the reason he  
wrote the story of Jesus is  
that "ye may believe." This  
implies more than intellectual  
conviction. Intellectual con-  
viction is not saving faith, but  
apart from it there can be no  
saving faith. In order to be-  
lieve, Jesus must be proved  
to be the Christ and His per-  
son as the only Son of God.  
John says he gathered up  
these things to prove Jesus is  
both human and divine and  
that ye may believe it.

"The life does not come by  
intellectual conviction but by  
volition surrender, we pass in-  
to life. By believing in Jesus  
we enter into life that has no  
antithesis—in death, that is,  
eternal life. To believe in Je-  
sus for salvation means to an-  
swer our intellectual con-  
victions by trusting the great  
and eternal implications that  
are there.

## WHAT IS A WILL?

- A will is a wish—sealed in words.
- A will is your last word—unspoken, yet irrevocable.
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- A will is a cameo of your character—internal and external.
- A will is your living faith—echoing through the years.
- A will is a perpetual participation in things you love—and the state assumes responsibility for its implementation.
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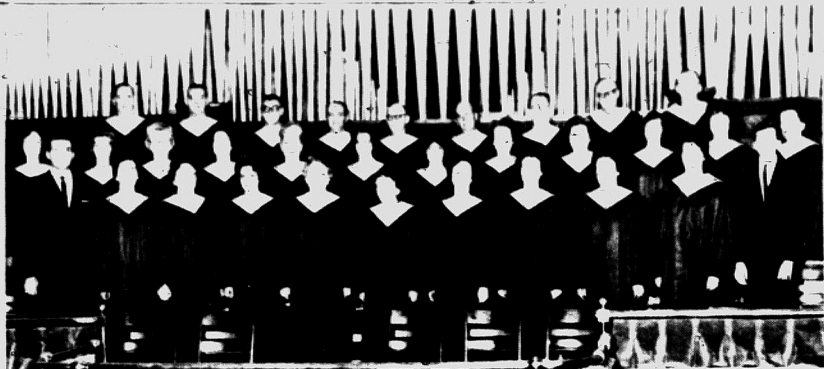
Mr. D. W. Ainsworth has been associated with Brother-  
hood work for a number of years. He has served in various  
capacities, in the church Brotherhood program, in the Broad-  
moor Baptist Church of Jackson. Mr. Ainsworth has also served as associational Brother-  
hood director of Hinds County for sometime.  
He is presently serving as secretary of the  
Mississippi Baptist Men's Conference.



Mr. Ainsworth has been very cooperative  
and helpful in relation to the Mississippi  
Brotherhood Department. He has given of his  
time and talent to assist in state promoted  
activities.

We are delighted to announce that he will  
direct the campfire service during the Brotherhood Retreat at  
High White State Park, Grenada, March 24, at the close of  
the evening program.





## First Columbus To Dramatize "Seven Last Words"

The Church Choir of First Church, Columbus, will present in dramatization, the "Seven Last Words of Christ" by Dubois. This presentation, which will include both chorus and solo parts, is believed to be the first attempt by a church choir in the state to dramatize a major cantata. Jerry Napier of Tupelo will be the guest baritone soloist. Dr. Ray McEwen, Dr. Clarke Bozeman, Joe Fitzgerald, Mrs. John Dowdle, Mrs. W. N. Still, Jr., and Miss Gail Elrod, all of Columbus, will be tenor and soprano soloists. The choir will present the production for visitors on Saturday, March 25, at 8:15 p. m. and for the church on Sunday, March 26 at the regular 7:30 evening service. Billy A. Vaughan is the Minister of Music and James Allen is Church Organist. Dr. S. R. Woodson is pastor.

## Names In The News

Miss Mary Catherine Aston, Blue Mountain, president of the Scribblers Club, the creative writing group of Blue Mountain College, has announced that the following students have been selected as new members: Lana Yarbrough, Baldwin; Betty Gibson, Nashville; Beverly Garber, Memphis; Mary Marston, Iron Mountain, Michigan; and Ann Gille, Memphis.

Miss Josephine D'Arpa, voice professor at William Carey College, was guest soloist for the Young Women's Auxiliary Houseparty held at Gulfshore Assembly, March 10-12. Six William Carey College co-eds also participated. According to Mrs. Jewel Coniff, Carey BSU director, the girls served as counselors in the assembly dormitories and

assisted in providing part of the program, including recreational fellowships.

Dr. James L. Travis, Professor of Bible at BMC, has taught the study course book on Amos in nine churches, for nine successive weeks, beginning January 2 of this year. 713 adults and young people have enrolled in classes at the following churches:

First Church, Pontotoc; First Church, Amory; Hickory Flat Church, First Church, Sheffield, Ala.; Oakland Church, Walnut, Camp Creek Church, Union County; Southern Avenue Church, Memphis, Tenn.; West Jackson Church, Tupelo; and Cherry Creek Church, Pontotoc County.

Rev. O. Wyndell Jones, a former Mississippian, is the author of an article in this month's Sunday School Builder entitled, "Visitation Evangelism." Mr. Jones is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary and has been the pastor of First Church, Trenton, Tennessee, for almost three years.



TWO MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE STAFF members have been selected to appear in the 1967 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America." Dr. John W. Legg, left, associate professor of chemistry, and Norman H. Gough, right, director of public information, are the two honorees. They were selected by a 14-man National Board of Editors.



DOUG SAVELL of Pace was installed as new BSU President at Miss. Delta Junior College, during the BSU Banquet Thursday night, March 9. Other officers are Program Director, Janet Williams of Itta Bena; Records Director, Patsy Abraham of Belzoni; Music Director Eugene Wigley of Cary; Missions Director Janice Miller of Indianola; Devotional Director Jim Bell of Belzoni; Publicity Director, Ramon Thaxton of Greenwood; Student Center Director, Charles Smith of Clarksdale; Social Director and YWA President, Gloria Wade of Rolling Fork and Faculty Adviser, Tom Branning. "Oriental Adventure" was the theme of the banquet, which was the first to be held in the new BSU Center. Featured speaker for the evening was Mrs. Jean Bond who with her husband is a missionary to Hong Kong. Preparing Chinese food for the meal were members of the Quon family of Moorhead.

## 1st. Long Beach Calls New Pastor

Rev. Connie E. Ward, native of Union Parish in north Louisiana, has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Long Beach. The congregation welcomed him and his family with a special ceremony at the morning service and a reception following the evening service, on his beginning Sunday with them.

Mr. Ward formerly served pastorates at Downsview, Point, West Monroe, and Delhi, Louisiana. He is a graduate of Northeast Louisiana State College at Monroe and New Orleans Seminary.

He has been active in Baptist affairs in Louisiana, having served as president of District Pastors' Conference, and as a member of the executive board of Louisiana Baptist Convention.

## Baptists Need Radical Witness, Negro Says

NASHVILLE (BP) — A young Negro sociologist told Southern Baptist workers with Negroes here that they must have a radical, costly and troubling witness if they are to communicate with the young Negro leader of tomorrow.

"I'm not talking about marching," said Vincent Harding, professor at Spelman College in Atlanta, Ga., in an address to the Advisory Council of Southern Baptists for work with Negroes.



His wife is the former Betty McCormick, who taught in elementary school for seven years, after being graduated from Northeast Louisiana State College. The Wards have two children, Marc, 4, and Janita, 20 months.

## Churches In The News

Bethel Church, Newton County, held a banquet in the fellowship hall of the church on Feb. 25. Rev. Woodie Burt, supply pastor of the church and ministerial student at Mississippi College, introduced Ronnie Taylor of Union.

Mr. Taylor, a music student at Mississippi College, entertained the group with a variety of stories and folk songs. He was assisted by Miss Sue Mason, pianist, Judson Meaders, pastor of Mt. Nelson Church, Philadelphia, and ministerial student at Clarke College, was guest speaker.

Finlay Graham, missionary to Lebanon, was seriously injured Sunday afternoon, March 5, when the car he was driving crashed into a utility pole as he tried to avoid hitting an oncoming car.

Reports reaching the Foreign Mission Board say that early examinations indicate Dr. Graham suffered a broken right leg, broken ribs, and other injuries.

Dr. Graham is president of the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary, Beirut. When the accident occurred, he was on his way to a meeting of the deacons of the church where he is a member.

A native of Scotland, Dr. Graham was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1947.

## DEVOTIONAL

### Woman Preacher For 7 Years

By Bill Hale, Pastor, Rocky Creek, George County

TEXT — PHILIPPIANS 4:3

And I entreat thee also, true yoke fellow, help those women which labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life.

This is a strange title and a strange text. A Woman Preacher for Seven Years.



A friend of mine who today is a pastor invited me for a revival meeting. He said he wanted me to come in about 8 weeks, and we set a date. The reason for the setting of the day was because his wife was to undergo surgery again. She had had surgery before; she had removed 6 feet of her colon and now she was to go for the second operation. The second operation revealed that there was an affirmative condition in the stomach, a malignancy, cancer in the colon.

The pastor said, "Preacher, I want you to join me tomorrow morning in the study. I want to tell you why I have called you for the revival meeting and what is on my heart." Friday morning came and we went to the study and he began to unburden his heart to me, telling me that everything in life had been taken away from him. When he was a small child at the age of three, his Mother had left his family for another man. Now his wife, his sweetheart, and his preacher for these years, if God did not answer miraculously, was also going to be taken from him. He began to tell of the beauty and the radiance of her life, how she had gone through high school as the valedictorian of her class, how they had gone to college together. She had received a double major in three years, leading her class in scholastic marks. What a wonderful and tender Mother she was! And for 7 years she had been his only preacher. He was a sinful man and would not go to church, wasn't concerned with spiritual things, but she would take the children and go to the services each Sunday, taking her Bible and following along with the preacher as he brought the message, underlining, taking notes and then she would come home, would sit down, and take the Bible with her husband and would show him the message and explain to him the message that the preacher had brought at the services. For seven years she continued going and carrying the small children and bringing the messages home to her husband. Her only purpose in life was to see her husband saved.

He said in this period of time the church changed pastors 2 or 3 times but he never heard one critical remark from his wife about the preachers. Always she brought him a message, the message that the man of God had brought to the congregation that Sunday. For seven years she prayed and she brought messages home, and finally one day, as she was showing him through the scriptures, the Holy Spirit brought conviction to his heart and he was converted.

On his knees weeping he said, "Preacher, pray with me that God will give me back my wife. She's been my helpmate through these years." They had gone through college and through the seminary; they had a lovely teenage family and he wanted desperately for God to give her back to him for these years. What a joyful experience we had.

Isn't it strange today how many people come to the Lord's house, who never receive a message, who come to criticize, to find fault, to pick the preacher's message, his language, his personality, or to pick the neighbor, the choir, or the music director, or something else, but who never pick the message of Christ and carry it to a lost world that men might be saved.

Why do you go to church?



FORT WORTH, TEXAS—TRUSTEE NORMAN E. O'Neal of Clinton, Miss., is welcomed to the semi-annual board meeting by W. M. Shamburger, chairman of the trustees of the Southwestern Seminary. O'Neal is professor of religious education at Mississippi College in Clinton and Shamburger is pastor of First Baptist Church, Tyler, Tex.



CLARKE GUEST DAY PLANNERS — From left, seated: Sherry Jolly, Jerseyville, Ill.; Linda Miley, Morton; Paula Davis, Slate Springs; Phyllis Brownlee, Potts Camp; Glenn Edwards, Wilsonville, Ala.; Kay Aston, Ider, Ala.; standing: Jon Lorch, Dow, Illinois; Sammy Gilbreath, Huntsville, Ala., freshman class president; Nelson Crozier, Jackson; Ronnie Sharpless, Atmore, Ala.; Curt Young, Caledonia; Ricky Clough, Titusville, Fla., sophomore class president; Chris Petry, Westwego, La. Not pictured, Robin Nichols, Vicksburg.

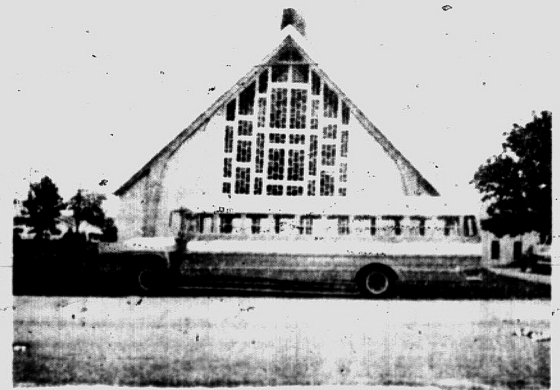
## CLARKE GUEST DAY APRIL 8

April 8 is Guest Day at Clarke College, Newton. The students presented above, along with many others, assist public relations officials in receiving prospective students and conducting them on a tour of the campus. Dr. W. L. Compere, president, joins J. H. Street, Public Relations director, and the entire official family of the college in extending a cordial invitation to young people who will soon be, or are now, ready for college, to visit the school on April 8.

All who attend will be guests of the school for the noon meal; and those from more than 150 miles away, will be entertained free overnight, if they will notify the college one week in advance of April 7. Morning Watch is at 8:15; and registration begins at 9:00. The program will conclude with a baseball game in the afternoon. Parents, pastors and teachers accompanying young people are to be honored guests.



A RECORD DAY in the history of Blue Mountain College was made March 11 when President E. Harold Fisher welcomed a theologian and a newspaper columnist, lecturer, author, and humorist, as each spoke to the students, faculty, and staff during the same chapel hour. Left to right, above: Martha Gray, Coffeeville, Vice President of the Baptist Student Union, Council and Mississippi's summer student missionary to Israel for 1967; Dr. Allen Graves, Dean of the School of Religious Education, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky; Jenny Graves, Louisville, daughter of Dr. Graves, President of the Baptist Student Union Council of BMC; Ginny Moore, Memphis, a Co-Editor of the campus newspaper, the B. M. Seer; Paul Flowers, Memphis, writer of the famous "Greenhouse" column for the Commercial Appeal; and Nancy Chamberlain, Grenada, a Co-Editor of the BMC newspaper.



## FIRST, WIGGINS, BUYS BUS

First Church, Wiggins, recently purchased a new 60-passenger church bus, a Ford F700 Chassis. The body was made by Thomas-Body Works, Thomasville, North Carolina.

The bus is equipped with overhead luggage racks, radio with front and rear speakers, heater and defroster, tinted glass, adult spaced seats, and many safety features.

This additional piece of equipment was made possible through the generosity of many of the church members and Evans Motor Company of Wiggins.

The youth ministry, music ministry, and many other organizations of the church will utilize this bus in enlarging their programs.

Rev. J. M. Motte, Jr. is pastor of Wiggins First Church. Nathan Barber is youth director and Eugene Clement is music director.

## Off The Record

A little boy asked his Sunday school teacher the question, "Where did I come from?"

"Dust," the teacher replied. "Where am I going," he asked.

"Dust," the teacher replied. One day, later, the little boy called to his mama, "Mama, come upstairs quick. Somebody is under my bed, either coming or going."

A church convention of over a thousand delegates met for a week in a certain city.

"I suppose business is good, with all these delegates here," a regular customer asked one of the storekeepers.

Lamented the storekeeper: "They came with the Ten Commandments in one hand, a ten dollar bill in the other hand, and they haven't broken either of them yet."

During a blistering hot day, a family was entertaining guests for dinner. When all were seated, the man of the house turned to his six-year-old son and asked him to say the blessing.

"But daddy, I don't know what to say," he protested. "Oh, just say what you've heard me say," the mother chimed in.

Obediently, he bowed his little head and said, "Oh, Lord, why did I invite these people here on a hot day like this?"

## Holly Springs Plans Homecoming

Homecoming Day at Holly Springs Church, Lincoln County, will be March 26. Rev. Harold McLendon of Crystal Springs, a former pastor of the church, will be guest speaker. Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall.

Rev. George Turnage, pastor, and the church members, invite all former pastors, former members, and friends to attend.

Offerings for the day will be used toward the upkeep of the cemetery.



TEAM REPRESENTS CLARKE — From left: Starr Benefield, Mexia, Ala.; Linda Willis, Newton; Sherry Jolly, Jerseyville, Ill.; Gayle Dillon, Tylertown; Emile Rousseau, Biloxi. Typical of student groups which go to churches to represent Clarke College, especially in evening services, is the team pictured above. On March 12, the three girls first named sang as a trio in the Enterprise Baptist Church, Rev. Taylor Wallace, pastor; Gayle Dillon gave a testimony, "What Clarke College Means to me"; and Emile Rousseau directed fellowship activities after the evening preaching hour. Mrs. W. L. Compere accompanied the group to Enterprise.